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Guard Training Aims Outlined

Program For Summer Now Being Drawn

Because the weather is most favorable, the spring and summer are most suitable for concentrated training endeavor on the part of the Texas State Guard.

The Texas Adjutant General's Department has begun drafting its training program for the year and the tentative outline of the program was released by Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3 on the adjutant general's staff.

Colonel Thomas stressed that some parts of the program still were in a nebulous state because detailed plans had not been approved, but he attempted to outline the program which Adjutant General Arthur Knickerbocker has decided upon.

Week-End Training Schools

Week-end training schools, conducted by instructors from the AGD, would be the first activity on the program.

These schools will be conducted on the basis of Company drill assembly and also a CPX for the battalion commander and staff.

The general's idea is to carry the training directly to the officer personnel of the guard.

The adjutant general's office has felt for some time that there is a need for an examination status of the individual soldier and it is planned to request battalion commanders to have their operations officers making inspections of adjacent units. The AGD will furnish the inspection blanks.

Summer School Plans

Definite plans for the summer schools have not been completed because the Eighth Service Command has not yet stated just where the schools will be held, of what instructor personnel will be provided.

There are some things that are definite about the schools, however. The schools will start about the first week of June and about the last week in August. The term will be one week.

The effect of this longer tenure will be to cut the classes down to about 80 or 90 officers and NCO's, allowing for more individual and careful instruction.

The school will be of a university type—that is, separate classes for company officers, battalion staff officers and battalion commanders. Every effort will be made this year to dramatize the training and make

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36th Established Rapido Bridgehead

The 36th division, former National Guardsmen from Texas, which spearheaded the invasion of Italy at Salerno, has spent 89 days in the front line in the Italian campaign, field headquarters announces.

It was the 36th which established the bridgehead at the Rapido River in the Cassino sector. Under terrific bombardment from the Germans on Mount Cassino, the 36th was forced back across the river.

The 34th division, from Iowa and Minnesota, shared the Cassino spotlight with the Texans, fighting their way into Cassino and holding grimly to their positions.

New Equipment Is Rolling In

COL. POLLOCK REVIEWS HOUSTON GUARDSMEN

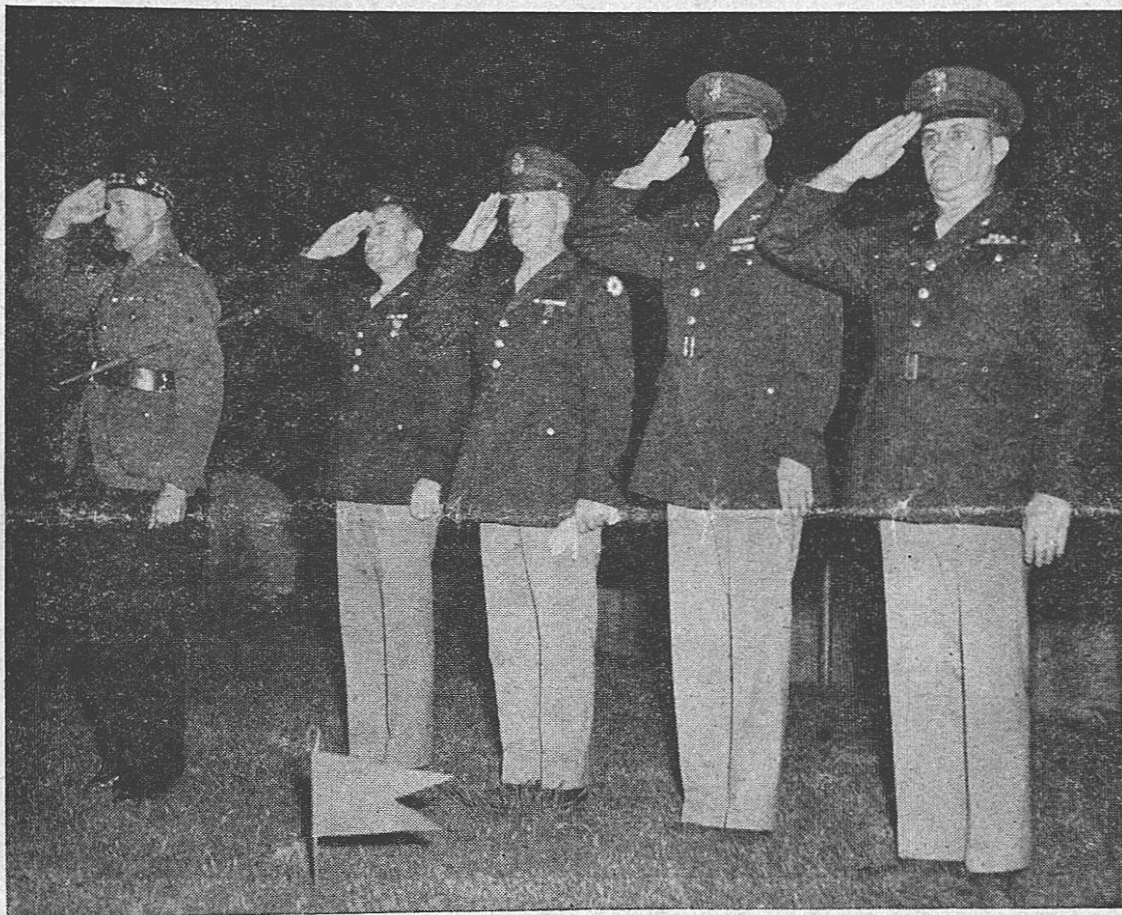


Photo by T/Sgt. C. A. Waddell, 2nd Bn.

'Good Show,' British Chief Declares

Four battalions of the Texas State Guard from the Houston area—the Second, Seventh, Twenty-second and Forty-eighth—passed in review on the night of March 1 before Colonel H. E. Pollock, of the British Army.

Guardsmen who attended the first Camp Bullis school will remember Colonel Pollock as the instructor in commando tactics which he taught the British Home Guard.

Colonel Pollock is back in Texas to devote ten days to the Texas State Guard. After further visits over the United States he plans to return to England in April.

Major Julian Weslow, commanding the 48th Marine Battalion, was reviewing officer. In the reviewing stand with Colonel Pollock were Lieutenant Colonel George Thomas and Major George Spencer of the AGO, Major S. R. Haggard, MID, Lt. Col. Arno von Koenneritz of the 76th Military Police at Houston, Kern Tips, director of the Office of Civilian Defense.

After the Guardsmen had passed in review, Colonel Pollock spoke briefly.

"Very Good Show"

"You have put on a very good show here tonight and I am happy to be here to review you," he said.

He reviewed briefly the early days of the British Home Guard when he came back from the disaster of Dunkirk to help whip a civ-

ilian army into shape to meet the threatened Nazi invasion.

"We had about two million men under arms in our civilian army then," he said. "Now the same problems that affect your ranks affect ours. The draft has taken many of our men and others have

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Left to right: Colonel H. E. Pollock; Lt. Col. George Thomas, G-3; Lt. Col. Arno von Koenneritz, 766th Military Police; Major George Spencer, inspector, AGO, and Major S. R. Haggard, MID.

Our New Uniform

No doubt you are surprised at the new "uniform" of your Guardsman.

There is a vital reason for this change from a magazine format to that of a newspaper.

The United States is fighting a war of survival against Axis dictatorship.

Many materials that were plentiful in peace time are critically short today. Paper is one of those materials.

The War Production Board has informed the Texas State Guard Officers Association, sponsors of The Guardsman, that magazine type paper no longer can be obtained. The Officers Association appealed that decision and the appeal was denied for the present time.

The Officers Association is leaving no stone unturned to furnish the officers and men of the Guard a newsworthy, informative and instructive publication.

It was with a great deal of regret that a distinctive magazine style that won nationwide commendation had to be sacrificed for the present.

But that's how wars are won—by sacrifice.

Rifles To Be Included In Items Issued

New equipment for the units of the Texas State Guard is beginning to roll, Lt. Col. Sidney C. Mason, G-4 of the Adjutant General's Department, has announced.

Included in the items being made available by the War Department are Enfield rifles, one to each enlisted man. Rifles will not be made available to commissioned officers or personnel of the medical detachments.

The following items are being provided on the basis of one to each member of the guard:

- Belt, waist, web, O.D.
- Cap, garrison, cotton, khaki.
- Cap, garrison, wool, O.D.
- Coat, mackinaw, O.D.
- Gloves, wool, O.D.
- Necktie, cotton, khaki.
- Shirt, cotton, khaki.
- Shirt, flannel, O.D.
- Shoes, service, Type II, pr.
- Socks, cotton, tan, pr.
- Socks, wool, light, pr.
- Trousers, cotton, khaki.
- Trousers, wool, O. D.

This authorization marks a satisfactory end of a long and intensive effort to secure additional uniform clothing, other than the green Civilian Conservation Corps clothing, the only type of uniform which has been authorized for issue for more than two years. It also marks the first issue of regulation cotton khaki.

Every effort will be made by the Adjutant General's headquarters to expedite the procurement and issue of this clothing. However, it will be obvious to all that considerable time will be required, first, in securing, and second, packing and shipping this property so that it will actually be in the supply rooms of the Texas State Guard organizations. When this clothing is available it will be automatically issued without requisition and on an exactly equal basis to all organizations of the Texas State Guard.

The letter announcing this issue of clothing also indicated a probability that all of the CCC clothing issued to the State would be turned in for prisoner of war use. With this probability in view, it was suggested that each organization commander check over all of the spruce green clothing, plaid windbreakers, and black shoes which he has in stock, in order to make sure his full issue will be available if recalled.

Truk Attack Radioed While Troops Fought

No longer do the American people have to wait days for news of developments in the Southwest Pacific campaign.

Spencer Davis, Associated Press war correspondent, in a story about the attack on Truk, reports that while the attack force he accompanied was still within fighter plane range of the Jap stronghold, the announcement of the initial assault was heard over radio by the men aboard the war craft.

Memorial Being Planned For 36th

Three Texas Towns Bid To Provide Site

At Temple, where the first wounded men of the 36th Division have been sent home to recover from wounds received in action in the invasion of Italy, a state memorial, to be financed by a \$250,000 fund to be raised by public subscription, will be built, if plans already launched bear fruit.

The decision to sponsor the memorial campaign came on the occasion of a dinner here February 8 at which a statewide tribute was paid to the 36th Division and all its wounded men back here at McCloskey General Hospital were guests.

The city commission of Temple, by formal resolution, made available a site for the memorial, by granting the use of a square block city park in the heart of downtown Temple at the intersection of U. S. Highways 81 and 190 and State Highways 36, 53 and 95.

Original suggestion for the memorial in Temple came from Harry Withers, Dallas newspaper editor, and an organization is being perfected to carry the plan forward.

It is expected that a statewide competition with a substantial cash award will be announced for designs for the proposed memorial. A \$1,000 prize for the best design is offered.

The site for the proposed memorial is now a city park and occupies a full square block directly west of the Temple municipal building. It is bounded by First and Third streets and by Central and Adams avenues. Years ago, prior to the construction of the new municipal building here, it was the site of the Carnegie public library, now housed in the municipal building.

A temporary committee working on plans for the memorial campaign includes Dr. H. B. Mason, mayor of Temple; Walter R. Humphrey, editor of the Temple Telegram; John B. Daniel, president of the Rotary Club; Earl T. Pate, president of the Lions Club, and Guy Norfleet, president of the Kiwanis club.

Major General Claude V. Birkhead, retired, former commanding general of the 36th, and Lieut. Col. Harry Steel of San Antonio, G-4 of the division when it landed in Italy and wounded in the early days of the invasion, participated in the 36th Division luncheon at which Mr. Withers formally proposed the memorial.

Brownwood also had plans under way for a 36th Division memorial. Four units of the division were furnished by Brownwood, which considers itself the "home of the 36th."

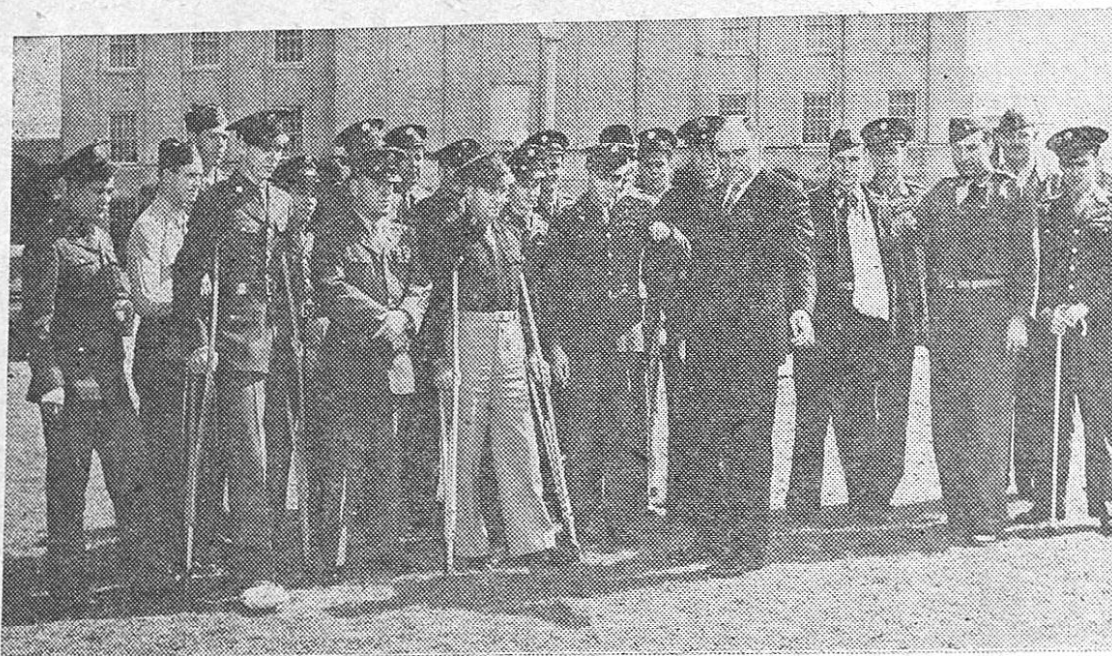
Mayor Wendell Mayes is chairman of the monument organization and J. R. Holley, president of the Chamber of Commerce, is co-chairman. Plans are being made to launch a statewide campaign.

Another bidder for the site of the memorial was Caldwell. The Chamber of Commerce there expressed the opinion that Caldwell and Burleson County, with 62 casualties from one company of the 36th, should be the site.

POCKET JUNGLE KIT

A pocket jungle kit has been devised by Lt. Louis Ginsberg, of Camp Haan, Calif. This contains a pocket-knife, fish hooks and line, length of wire, compass, glass for starting a fire, iodine crystals in a waterproof container and "Ten Rules for Jungle Safety," printed on waterproof paper, all packed in a waterproof sewing kit case. The kit weighs approximately 10 ounces and is only one-tenth the size of the standard Air Corps jungle kit. —Army Times.

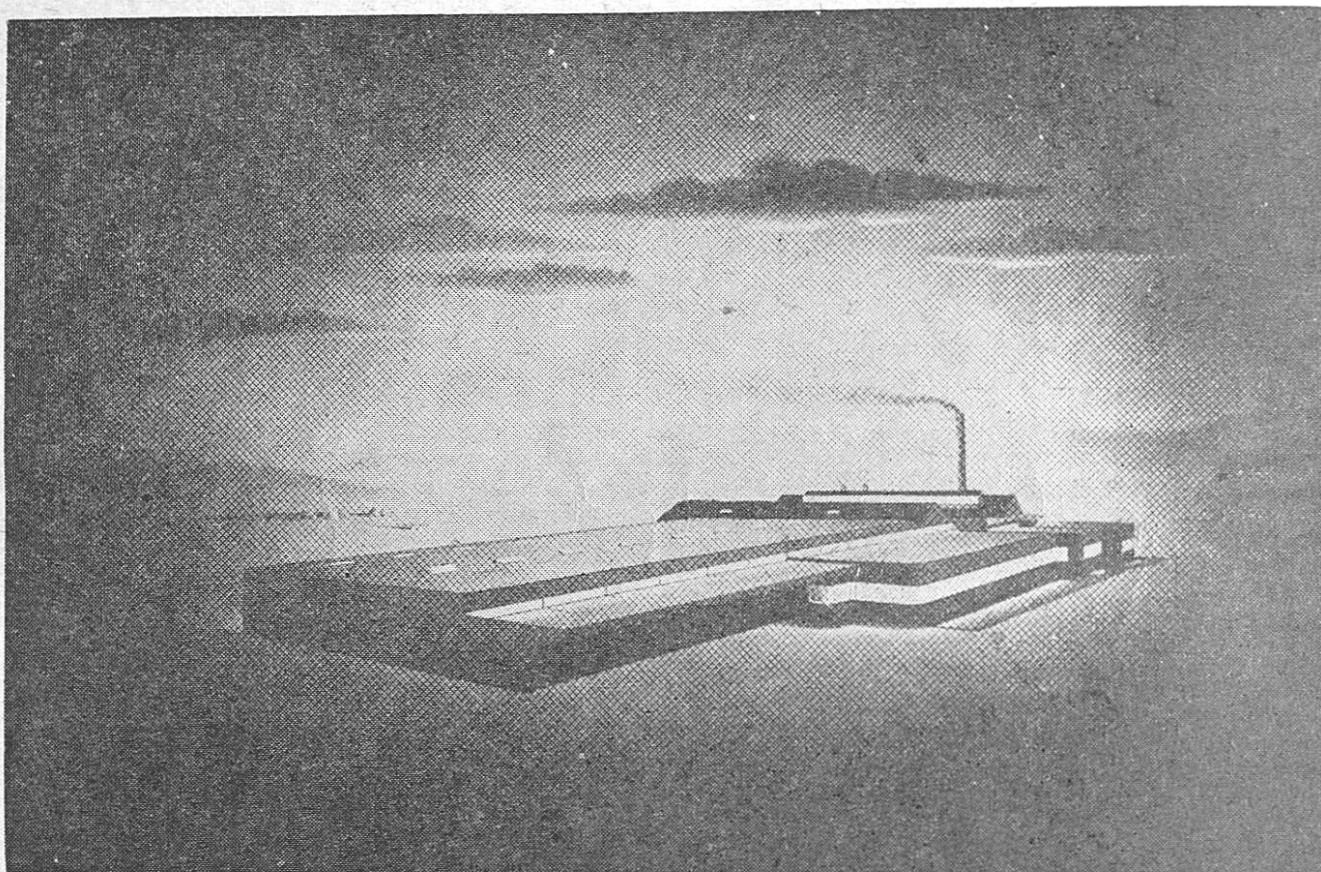
Leaders At Proposed Site Of Memorial



"QUICK CAMOUFLAGE"

Soldiers of the British Composite Anti-Aircraft Demonstration Battery recently at Camp Stewart, Ga., showed a gadget for tent-lighting which had been used in their seacoast tents during Axis bombings. They simply break off the bottom of an empty beer bottle and place it over a candle. The candle gives sufficient light for anything wanted in the tent, and when covered in that way did not show outside. "Quick camouflage," the British men call it. —Army Times.

Walter R. Humphrey, editor of the Temple Daily Telegram and chairman of the campaign to raise a fund to build a memorial to the 36th Division at Temple, points out the proposed site to members of that division now convalescent at McCloskey General Hospital at Temple.



There's a New Glow in Texas Skies Tonight



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culture, lumber, minerals and oil.

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Gigantic Rubber Plant is Opened

Texas Unit To Make Seventh Of Butadiene

A triumph of American cooperation in winning the war is the gigantic butadiene plant opened in February at Port Neches, Texas.

Five large oil companies, which, under peace conditions, would jealously guard their knowledge of making this vital ingredient of synthetic rubber, have pooled all their "know how" to build and operate a plant that will provide enough butadiene to make one-seventh of the synthetic rubber manufactured in the United States.

These five oil companies are the Gulf, Texas, Atlantic, Pure and Socony Vacuum's Magnolia Petroleum Division. They have combined their talents and experience to crack the bottleneck in synthetic rubber manufacture.

Largest In World

This largest butadiene-from-petroleum plant in the world is built in two units, each with an annual capacity of 50,000 tons.

The plant is part of the largest single synthetic rubber production unit in the nation. It will feed butadiene, the chief ingredient of synthetic rubber, to two adjoining copolymerization, or mixing plants, which were completed several months ago. About one-seventh of all the synthetic rubber for Uncle Sam's wartime program is scheduled to be manufactured in this Texas rubber center.

Non-Profit

The butadiene plant is a non-profit cooperative venture of the petroleum industry.

The five companies have organized the Neches Butane Products Company to operate the butadiene works for the government. The Defense Plant Corporation appropriated the millions for construction, the Rubber Reserve Company provided operating capital and will purchase the finished product. The plant is fully government-owned, as is the entire Port Neches rubber center.

Raw stock, in the form of refinery gases, come from refineries of the five companies in the Port Arthur and the Beaumont sections, and is supplied on a cost-of-production basis. What happens to the gas from then on until it comes out in the form of butadiene is nobody's business until after the war.

Force Of 6000

Six thousand men and women were required to build the butadiene plant, and "boom towns" of trailers and cabins mushroomed on the Texas plains surrounding Port Neches. An organization of approximately 700 people, made up mostly from the refinery staffs of the five petroleum companies in the Port Arthur-Beaumont sections, will operate the butadiene works.

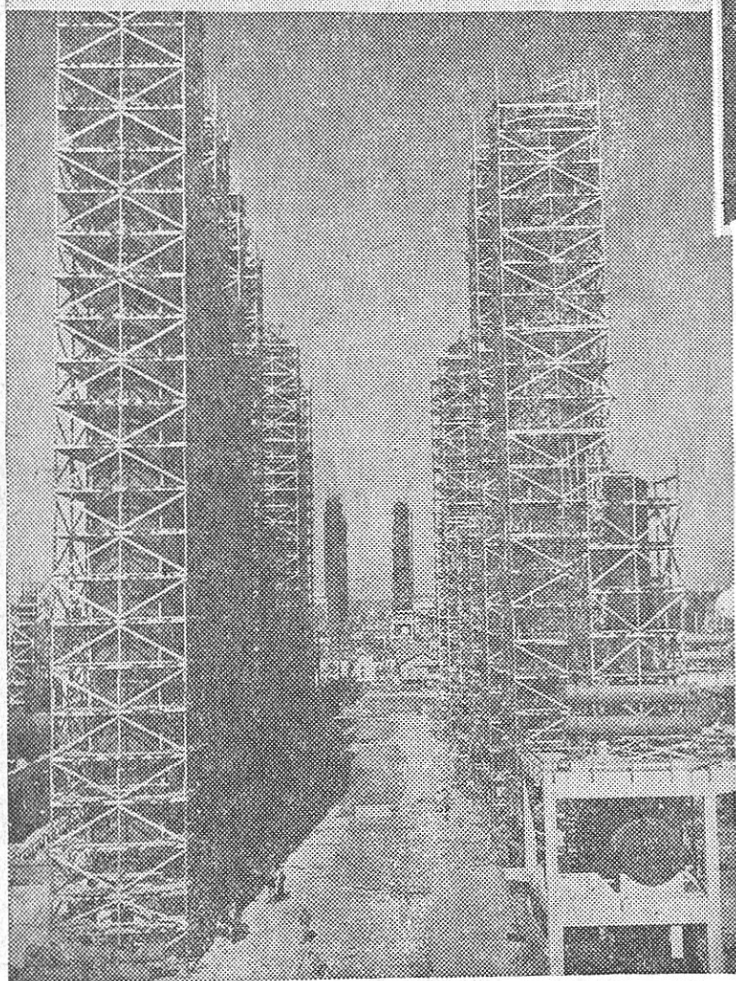
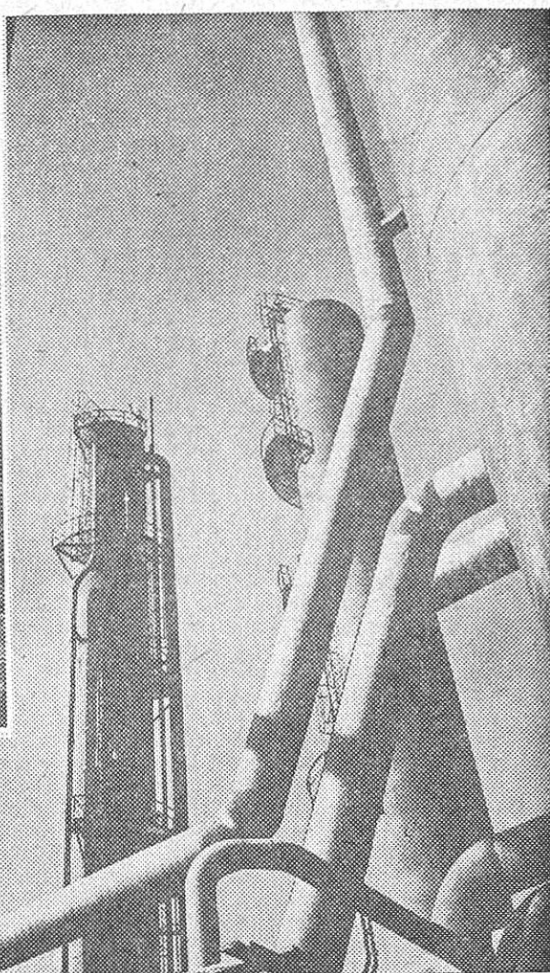
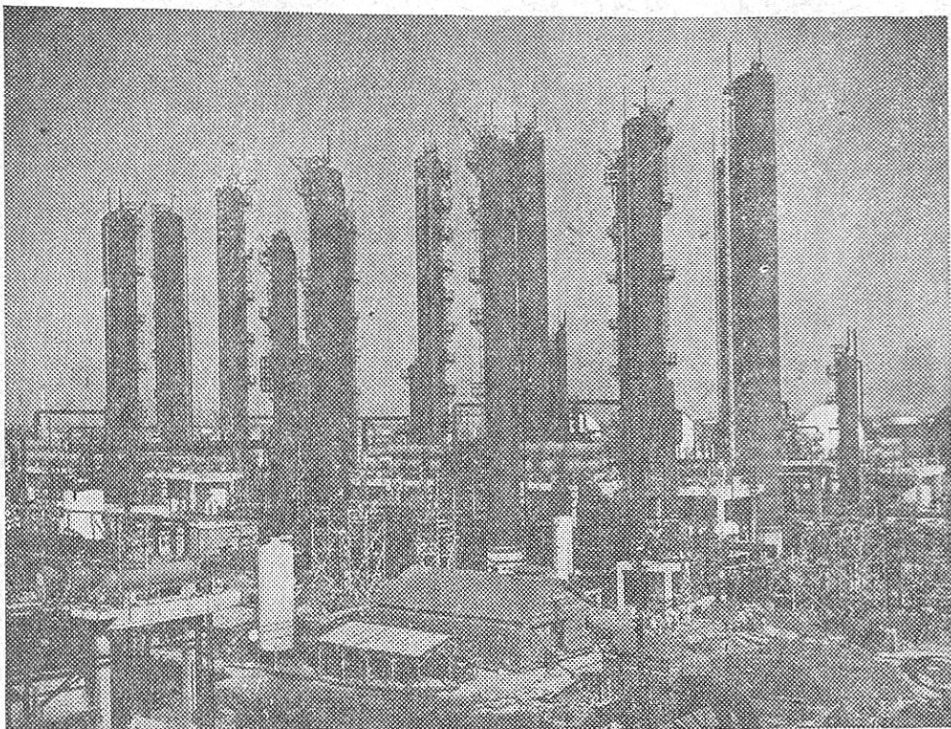
Construction problems were many, and several times the Lummus engineers faced what looked like sure defeat. For example, technicians probing the marshy soil for a solid foundation for the 48 huge steel fractionating towers, some as tall as a 17-story building, could find none at a reasonable depth. They created firm foundations for the towers by sinking concrete piling 40 feet into the marshy grasslands. The same system was utilized to support 42 large steel pressure storage tanks. These are huge spheres, the largest of which will hold 12,000 barrels of raw stock or finished butadiene.

Record Steam Plant

Similar concrete bases were constructed to hold the great tonnage of a record size steam plant and of a water pumping station large enough to serve the City of Houston.

A mile-long covered aqueduct was built from the Neches River water pumping station to carry cooling water to the plant proper. An out-fall canal several miles long was dredged to return this enormous amount of water—308,000,000 gallons a day—to the river.

TOWERS OF VICTORY RISE IN TEXAS



Upper left: Fort section of new government-operated butadiene plant at Port Neches, which was recently completed and was dedicated February 23. Butadiene is the chief ingredient of synthetic rubber.

Upper right: Skyscraper steel towers, spherical tanks and a network of thousands of miles of pipes, form a modernistic pattern at the Port Neches, Texas, butadiene plant, which is nearing completion. The plant, built and operated for the government on a non-profit basis by five petroleum companies, will be the

world's largest petroleum butadiene plant. An idea of the height of the steel towers can be gained from the size of the workman atop one of the towers in the picture.

Lower: "Butadiene Boulevard," shown above, is a part of the new Port Neches Butane Company now under construction at Port Neches. Here refinery gases are made into butadiene. Many of the huge towers shown here are 17 stories high. They were constructed on the ground and hoisted into place by gigantic cranes in what engineers termed a "construction miracle."

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State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be in-
fringed."—Article Two, Bill of Rights, from the Constitution of the
United States.

And He Was Ashamed

An American soldier—filthy, emaciated, sick, tired and
humiliated—lay beside a stinking garbage pit on Bataan beg-
ging his captors to carry him out of sight so his fellows might
not see him.

He whispered *he was ashamed to have them see him die
like a rat.*

This was one of the shocking revelations of Japanese bar-
barity contained in a recent Army-Navy report on Japanese
atrocities. It is a graphic picture of the enemy and it is a pic-
ture for all of us to remember—an American soldier begging
to be carried away because he didn't want his comrades to
see him die like a rat.

He was ashamed. He was giving only his life.

The soldier he left behind is YOU. The soldier he hoped
would follow soon—not to an inglorious death beside a stink-
ing garbage pit—but to victory over an infamous, brutal
enemy. What complaint of yours can match this sacrifice?

Have we done our best to shorten the war? Are we doing
our best to shorten the war? Are we accepting the hardship,
the inconvenience, the sacrifice expected of us by that soldier
on Bataan?

Are we giving our ALL for victory?

He was ashamed to die—that soldier beside the stinking
garbage pit on Bataan.

Will we be ashamed to live?

—Signal Corps Message, Camp Crowder, Mo.

Musical Loan 'Library'

The Special Services office at
Lincoln Field, Neb., has instituted
a new "Instrument Loan Service."
Any visitor to the camp who is
musically inclined but has not
brought his favorite instrument
with him may borrow one like it
and jam it up with the local boys
when he wishes. The office has sev-
eral sets of drums, trumpets, saxes,
guitars and a bass fiddle on hand.
Clarinets and trombones are on
order and will be added to the mu-
sical loan "library" shortly.

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5th Battalion Is Alerted On Sheriff's Call

Thirteen negro soldiers in a
"spur of the moment" outbreak in
the colored section of East Austin
and quelled only after all available
city and military policemen, sher-
iff's officers and highway patrol-
men had been summoned, brought a
hurry-up call from Sheriff Rip Col-
lins of Travis to alert the 5th Bat-
talion of the Texas State Guard, on
Friday night, February 4.

Momentarily out of hand of the
military and civil authorities, the
disturbance threatened to become
serious, and the sheriff of Travis
County contacted Maj. Charles O.
Betts of the 5th Battalion at 11
p. m. Friday night.

"How many Guardsmen can you
assemble, and how soon can you be
ready for service?" asked the sher-
iff, who had investigated the affair
and found that it was getting be-
yond the control of the local peace
officers.

Maj. Betts' reply was that the
full battalion could be alerted and
equipped at Camp Mabry for full
field service in very short order.

He contacted his executive offi-
cer, Capt. Weldon Swenson, who
immediately put into effect the
battalion mobilization plan, and
guardsmen soon were getting or-
ders to report at Camp Mabry.

Quick and effective work by the
local authorities brought the out-
break under control after 30 or 40
minutes of fighting, and the alert
of the 5th Battalion was cancelled.
However, as a measure of precau-
tion, the battalion was on warning
orders through Saturday and Sun-
day, when numerous minor clashes
occurred but were quickly quelled
by city policemen and military
authorities.

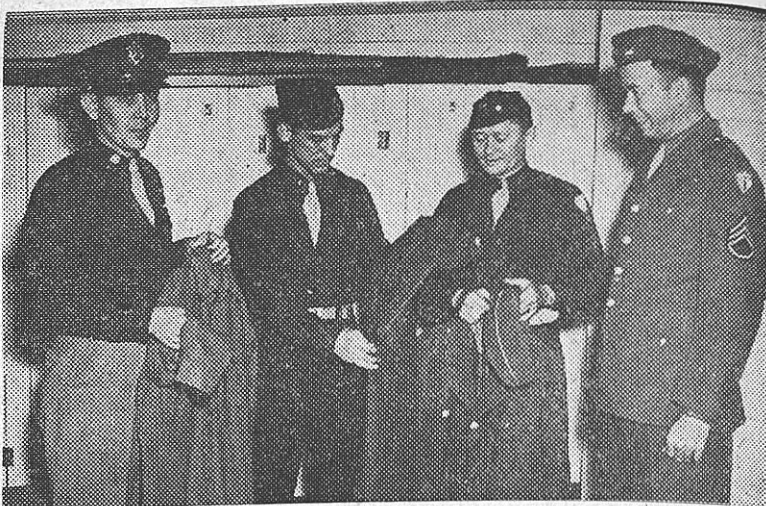
Company A of the 5th Battalion,
under command of Capt. Carl Har-
din, bivouaced for a short time at
Camp Mabry Saturday night, ready
for instant service with a well
trained gas squad and rifle pla-
toons. Other companies of the bat-
talion also were prepared for any
eventuality.

The disturbance broke out in an
East Austin tavern when a negro
military policeman attempted to ar-
rest a negro soldier. Three mili-
tary policemen were injured in the
resulting fighting, and the civil and
military and state authorities
rushed all available manpower to
the scene of the affair.

The disturbance was reported to
have involved only negro soldiers,
no white or negro civilians.

The fighting broke out when a

"Changing The Guard"



Maj. Charles O. Betts, left, came up through the ranks from private
to be major of the 5th Battalion, Austin. Soon he will start all over
again as a private in the United States Army, and will trade his gold
leaves and officer's uniform for the GI outfit of a buck private. Maj.
Betts is judge, county court of law, Travis county.

Next to Maj. Betts is Lt. Henry Moore, also on his way to serve
Uncle Sam, and third man is Lt. Joe Nelson, who became over-age
a couple of days before his number came up in the draft board. Ex-
treme right, Sgt. Clin Vilven, one of the "old-timers" of the 5th Bat-
talion, who enlisted in the Navy as a 2nd class petty officer.

negro policeman arrested a negro
soldier accused of raising a dis-
turbance. Other negro soldiers at-
tempted to interfere with the ar-
rest, and a fight which spread into
the rest of the tavern and into the
street resulted.

Clubs and fists were the main
weapons. The negro soldiers who
joined in the fight were arrested
and placed in jail, later to be re-
leased and confined to the army
post.

As a result of the near call to
active duty, company officers of
the 5th Battalion tightened up their
mobilization plan, and gave their
men additional and intensive train-
ing to prepare them for the day,
or night, when they might be called
on to help handle a riot.

JUST WANTED TO FIGHT

Washington.—The War Depart-
ment's nerve centers relaxes from
its study of maps, involved plans
and cold statistics when stories like
the following trickle in from the
fighting fronts:

This from a North African hos-
pital:

Convalescing with a fractured
arm when he learned his division,
the 36th, was put on the alert for
combat, was Sgt. John W. Palmer
of Flat, Coryell County, Texas.

X-rays taken the next day show-
ed his arm had healed miraculously,
and he was allowed to leave for
active duty. The medics didn't
know that he had switched band-
ages from the injured arm to the
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tion, so he could join his fighting
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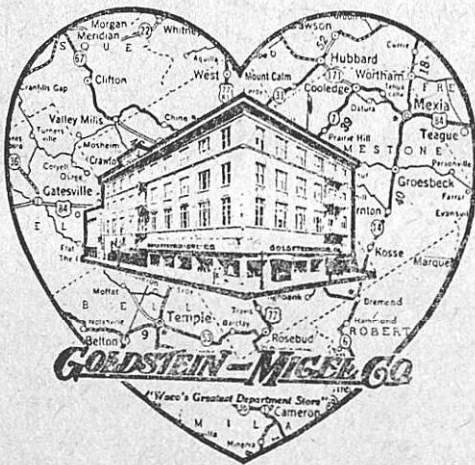
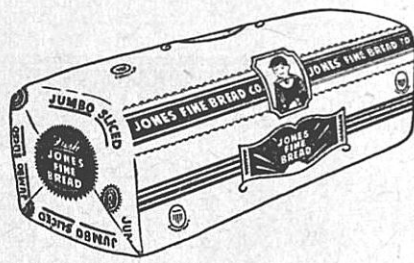
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Lt. M. A. D'Eletto, army nurse (right), makes comfortable three of the 75 wounded American war veterans who were flown to McCloskey General Hospital from Charleston, S. C. The trio (top to bottom) are: Cpl. Jack G. White, Belton; Pfc. Jesse L. Stojanek, Temple, and Sgt. Boyet Impson, Durant, Okla.

An Editorial

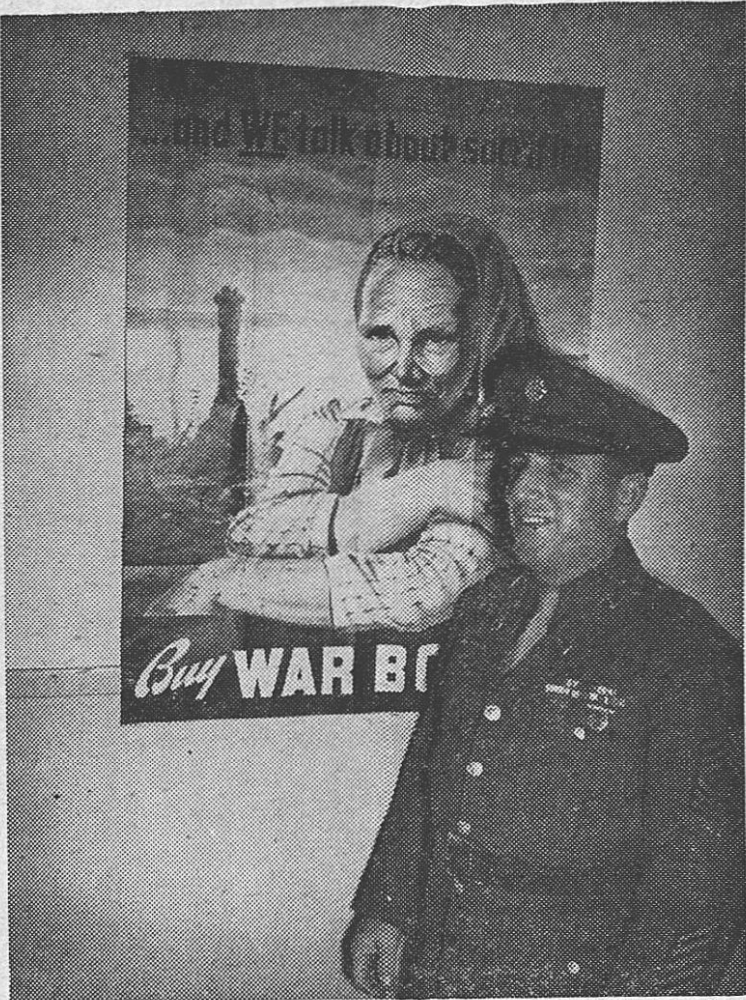
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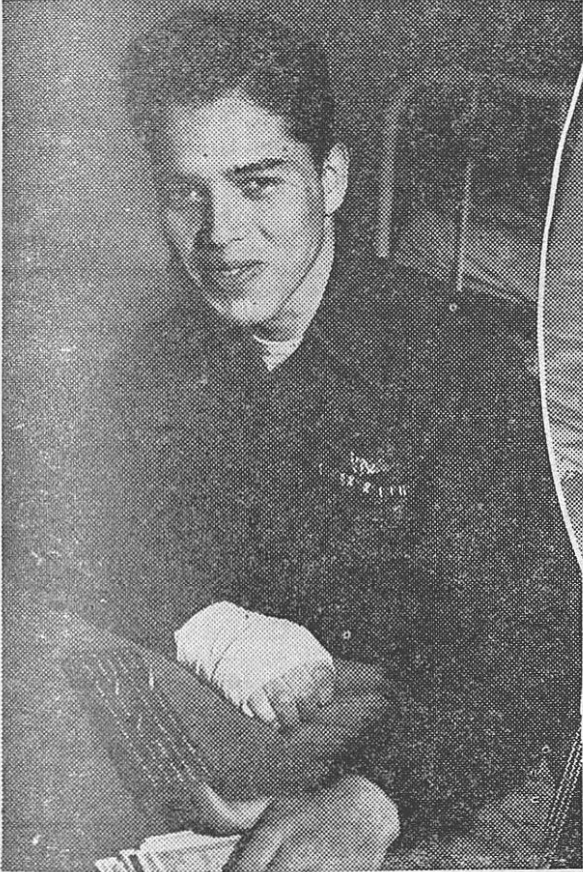
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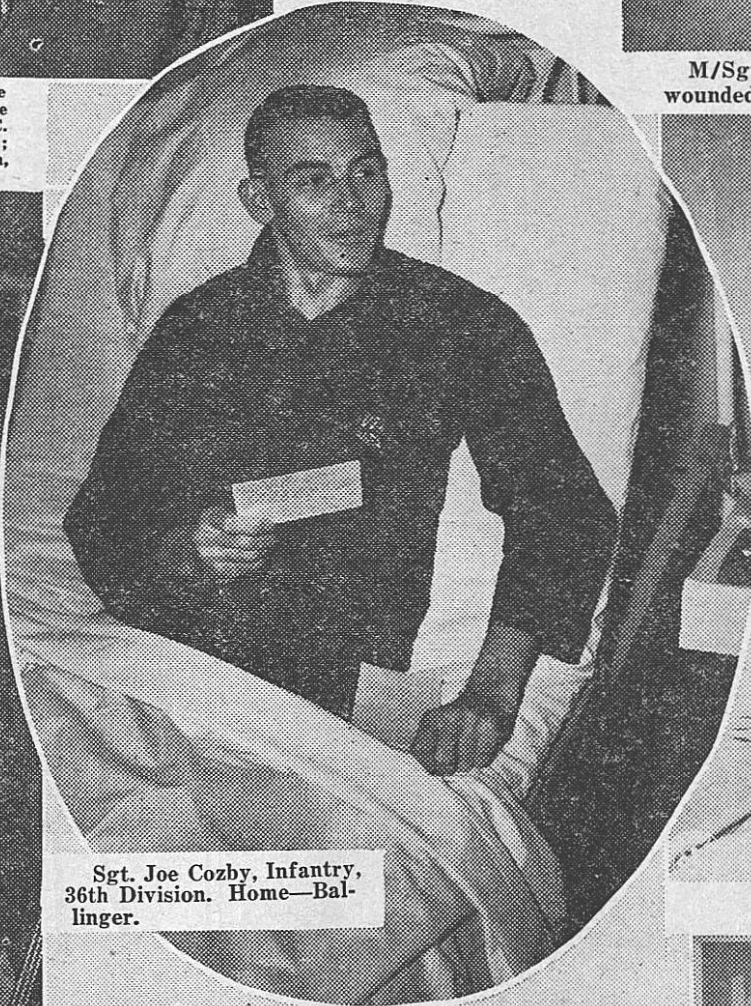
Are you doing all you can, brother?



M/Sgt. Clinton R. Eaton, 36th Division, of Amarillo, who was wounded in Italy.



Lt. Peter E. Delao, bombardier on a B-17 from San Antonio, wounded in action over Germany and now patient at McCloskey General Hospital, states: There is no question but what the plasma saved my life. . . . I had three transfusions altogether. Plasma is most certainly a "life-giver."



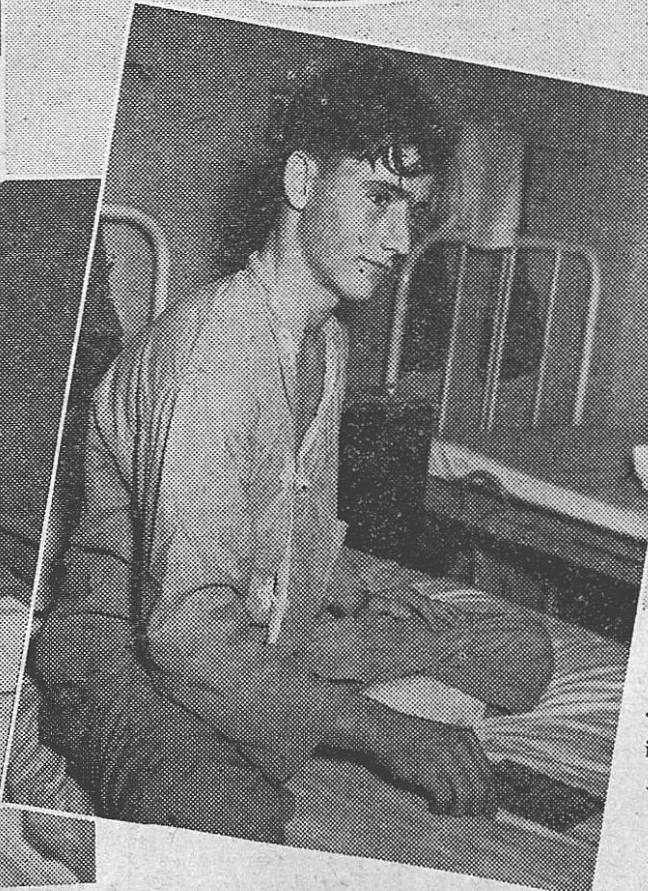
Sgt. Joe Cozby, Infantry, 36th Division. Home—Ballingler.



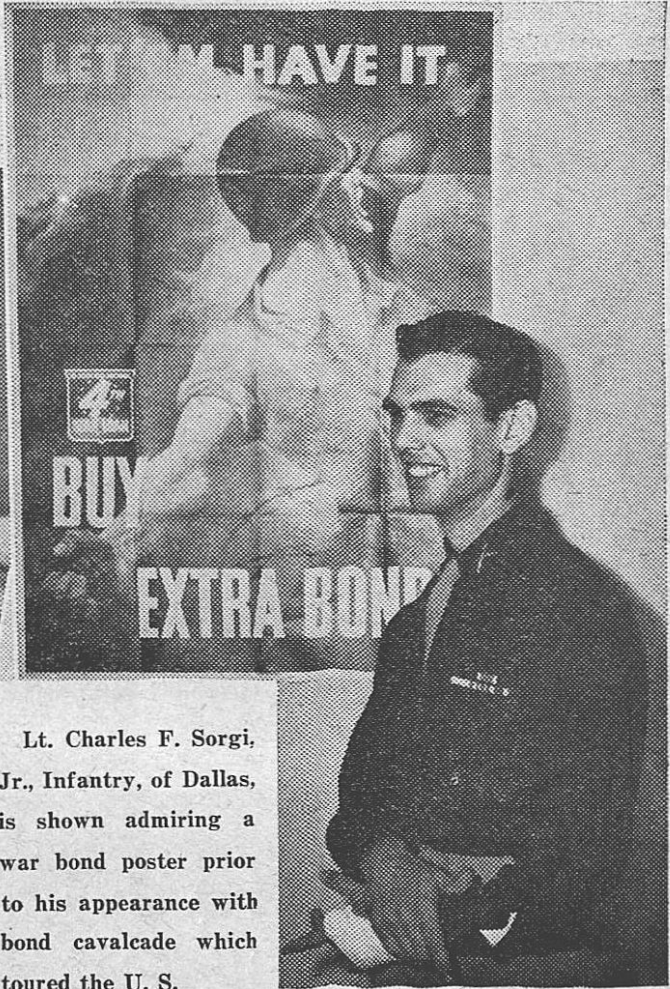
Pfc. Wallace Watson, age 27, of Wharton.



Cpl. Clarence O. Isbell, Infantry, 36th Division, Iola.



Pfc. Tom Starr, age 18, of Ballinger.



Lt. Charles F. Sorgi, Jr., Infantry, of Dallas, is shown admiring a war bond poster prior to his appearance with bond cavalcade which toured the U. S.

AGO Staff Inspects Big Camp Swift

Trip Is Made Over Army Reservation

By
CAPT. STEWART HARKRIDER

Camp Swift, huge military reservation near Austin, was the objective of a fast moving motor convoy leaving Camp Mabry one Sunday morning the latter part of January.

The convoy was made up of members of the adjutant general's department, including Col. Neill Banister, chief of staff; Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, assistant chief of staff; officers and members of the 5th battalion, Austin. The guardsmen had been invited by the commanding officer of the post to inspect the reservation and see just what it takes in the way of material, trucks, guns, barracks, and other equipment to train a modern army infantry division.

Arriving at Camp Swift promptly at 10 a. m. the guardsmen were assigned to troop carrying trailers for the trip over the huge reservation. Their first point of interest was "Wake Island," which they reached over the "Burma Road."

See "Wake Island"

"Wake Island" is the newest installation at Camp Swift and it is where the soldiers are given field training under actual field conditions. Located several miles from the main cantonment, it is at the end of a winding road which the soldiers of the Ozark division have dubbed the "Burma Road."

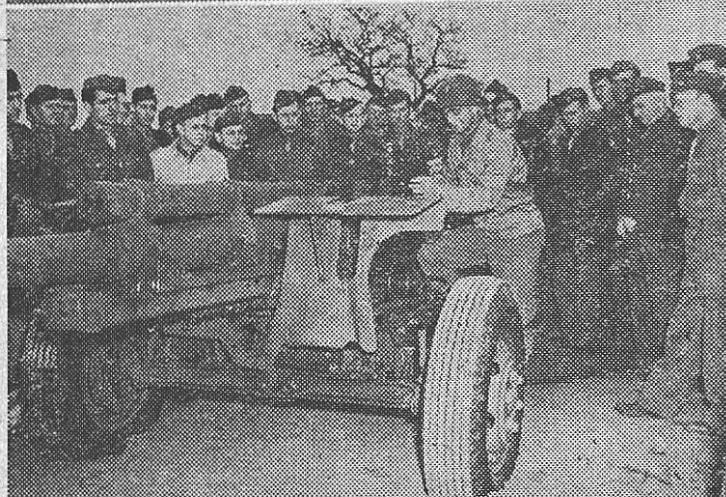
Action picked up for the guardsmen when the troop carrying convoy had passed through dozens of infiltration courses, rifle ranges, and arrived at the field artillery range.

Anti-tank crews had rigged up a moving target to resemble a tank, and the crews of two artillery pieces demonstrated to the guardsmen that they could hit the target every shot at a distance of about 1,000 yards. The effect of the firing was heightened by the use of tracer shells.

Concussion of the fired shells caused one guardsman to bite off a part of his tongue, another man had his false teeth jarred out, but after the guardsmen became used to the firing, there were no mishaps.

Numerous other installations were inspected; a bakery large enough to feed a city of 30,000 people; a laundry covering a city block; acres and acres of parked trucks, tanks, pontoon boats, troop carrying trucks, artillery pieces of all sizes.

THEY SAW SOME CRACK ARMY SHOOTING



visiting Texas State Guardsmen at Camp Swift that they could shoot the "daylights" out of a moving target at more than 1,000

Gonzales Guard Praised By Paper

Company B, 45th Battalion, at Gonzales recently received signal recognition of its service to the community when the Gonzales Inquirer published an entire page devoted to that unit of the Texas State Guard.

An outline of the activities and accomplishments of Company B was written by Sgt. Joe Hy. Rosetto, who struck the right note when he said, "We feel that we are well paid for serving our great state of Texas and the nation by preparing ourselves for any emergency that may arise."

The Guardsman extends congratulations to Company B, of the 45th, for public recognition of a job well done.

Want Ad in a Camp newspaper: "LOST: Soldier's Wallet. Of sentimental value only.—Pvt. John N. J."

yards. This was the first time most Guardsmen of 5th Battalion ever witnessed a field artillery piece in action.

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Top: Officers from the adjutant general's department and officers and men of the 5th Battalion looked over the huge Camp Swift military reservation. They were astonished at the number of firing ranges and other field installations, the row upon row of barracks covering hundreds of acres, the large number of troop carrying trucks, engineer equipment and other material used in training an infantry division. Left to right: Col. Neill Banister, Chief of Staff; Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, Assistant Chief of Staff, and the following officers of 5th Battalion: Maj. Charles O. Betts, Capt. Si Johnston, Weldon Swenson, Fred Graham, Stewart Harkrider, Lts. Lambuth Cox, Ercell Duke, Ben Parrish, Warrant Officer Charles Gamble.

Center: Guardsmen get a close-up view of a three-inch gun, and Chief Warrant Officer Charles Gamble of AGO, extreme left, and Cpl. Willie Alsop, right with hands in pocket, are not missing a thing that the army lieutenant is telling the interested Guardsmen about the mechanism of the artillery piece.

Below: German tanks are in for a bad day when the crew of a certain three-inch artillery piece of the 102nd division, Camp Swift, get a crack at the Nazis in combat. These gunners of the Ozark division demonstrated to

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The Roll Call of Texas Heroes

With each passing day, as the fury of the battles raging around the world is described on the news wires, names of Texans figure prominently in the exploits of courage which is winning the war for the Allies.

Sifted from among the wealth of stories dealing with Texans, here are a few of the outstanding:

"Texas boys lie in rows on a mountainside (in Italy) where they died before German pillboxes. They lie with great holes blown in their faces and bodies, with missing feet and hands but * * * they lie facing the enemy."

This was a paragraph from a letter written on two different kinds of paper, torn and dirty, in a foxhole in Italy by SGT. JAMES H. JONES to his father, James O. Jones of Marshall.

Sgt. Jones is a member of the 133rd field artillery, a former Marshall, Texas, National Guard unit.

"There is a different air among men of old 'C' battery in the last few days * * * since death took our first man," he wrote. He did not reveal names of any men killed or wounded.

He spoke of a pass through the mountains which was opened by the 36th Division, the men of Texas, after days of heartbreaking, slow progress. The pass at the time he wrote was choked with heavy American and British artillery, French troops, Italian soldiers and even the fierce Colonial black-bearded savages who fought only with knives—all pouring through.

"As this battle rushes toward Rome," he wrote, "everything is destroyed before it. Not one house, not one bridge, not one building is left undamaged. Even haystacks and fruit trees are destroyed by the Germans. Of course, many civilians are being killed in the fighting. Those who live are half-starved and suffer from lack of shelter and clothing."

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE C. STAMETS, Dallas, a Marine torpedo bomber pilot, dove through heavy anti-aircraft fire to blast a 10,000-ton Jap ship in Rabaul harbor, and then fought his way to safety through a flock of Zeros.

Lieutenant Stamets attended Texas University.

From a private at 19 to a full Colonel at 25.

That's the record set by WOODROW WILSON WOOD of Chico, who went into the army from Baylor University.

Wood not only is one of the youngest colonels in the army, but he won his eagles the hard way.

Serving briefly in the Hawaiian Islands as a private in 1938, he transferred to aviation cadet and got his wings in 1940. Two bars went on his shoulder in 1942. After

Lone Star Flag Waves In Pacific



Capt. Edward Wright, Jr., Dallas, Commanding Officer of a U. S. Army unit in the Southwest Pacific, views his men at the firing line of the rifle range. The unit's flag, the flag of the State of Texas, flies proudly overhead.

Pearl Harbor he swept the North Pacific skies on submarine patrol and went to England in 1943. He was on the first Marauder attack in the European theatre on Abbeville as a major.

In November, 1943, he got his lieutenant colonelcy while commanding a Marauder group in sweeps over France. Now he's a colonel at 25.

DAVID A. DAVIS of Megargel was a corporal when the 36th division invaded Italy on Sept. 3, 1943. The next day he was a sergeant, promoted by an order scribbled in pencil on a message blank and signed by his regimental commander.

The gun crew of SGT. FRANKLIN R. WHITIS of Marshall had just unloaded their howitzer from an amphib-

ious truck when they got orders to emplace it on a point controlling a highway over which the enemy was counter-attacking the beachhead.

The truck rounded a curve toward its destination and Whitis saw two Germans racing toward the beachhead on motorcycles.

The truck slid to a stop. Two cannoneers grabbed up rifles and picked the Germans off like Texas quail.

Add to this the many stories about the 36th Division which spearheaded the attack at Salerno.

The story goes that when the going was hard on the Salerno beaches, one Texan pulled a handful of dirt from his pocket and dashed it to the ground. He yelled:

"I brought that dirt plumb from the Alamo. This is Texas ground and we can't let 'em take it."

The Germans didn't take it.

The story is told from Italy about LT. COL. EDWARD N. HARRIS, JR., of El Paso, who walked smack into a German with a tommygun. The colonel had a

(See HEROES, Page 22)

Texas Sergeant Works On Fortress



Here is how a Texas sergeant looks when he pauses in his work on a Flying Fortress somewhere in England. This is Master Sgt. William A. "Mojo" Ellis of Huntsville. The fortress on which he works bears his name, "Mojo," which means "good luck."

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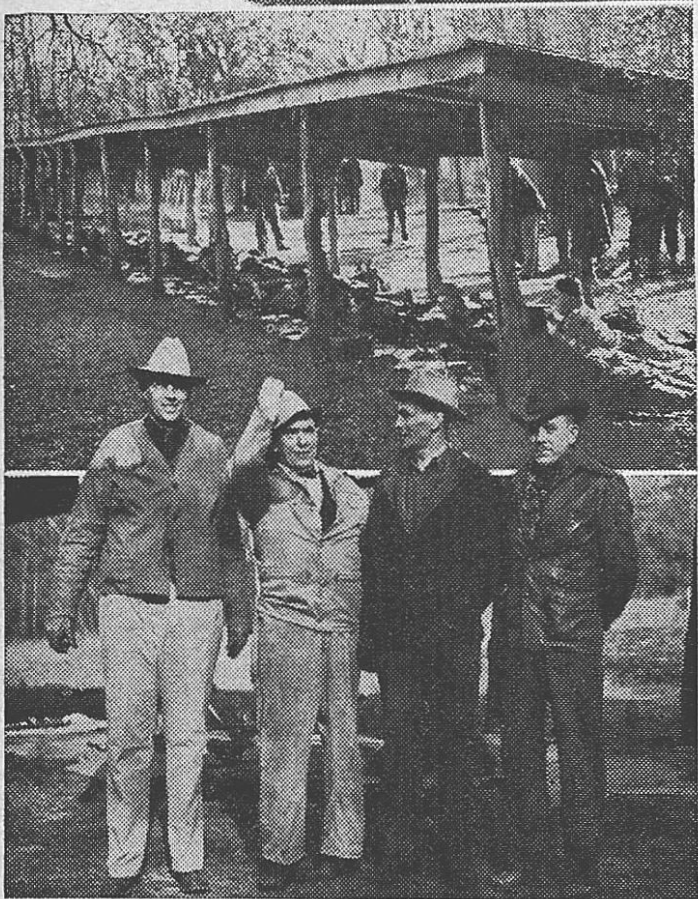
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Reading down: The winning team in the 27th Battalion Rifle Range shoot. The team is from Company D. Kneeling, left to right, Private Low, Sgt. Ricketts, Private Greathouse. Standing, Private Maddux and Private Morris.

The battalion commander, Major M. H. Kennady, left, and operations officer, Capt. O. E. Paxton, Jr.

Ready on the firing line, the members of the 27th Battalion engage in rifle range practice

Officers of the Fort Worth Rifle and Pistol Club, which sponsors the rifle range work of the 27th Battalion. Left to right, Horace Litsey, treasurer; J. P. Steele, adjutant; Ewell Cross, president; and O. R. Huff, range officer.

Definition: An Army Chaplain is an officer who works to beat Hell.

27th Battalion Conducts Course In Marksmanship

By
CAPT. ORSEN E. PAXTON, JR.
27th Battalion

Between October 11 and December 3, 1943, a qualification marksmanship course was conducted within the 27th Battalion. During this period every man in the battalion was given the opportunity to qualify with the 22-calibre rifle on the battalion indoor range, located in the basement of the armory.

A complete course was given in rifle marksmanship under the supervision of the Fort Worth Rifle and Pistol Club, under National Rifle Association rules. This course consisted of history of rifle shooting, nomenclature, care and cleaning of pieces, slings, positions and firing.

The 27th Battalion is grateful for the untiring efforts and the excellent instruction given by the members of the Fort Worth Rifle and Pistol Club, of which Ewell Cross is president and J. P. Steele is adjutant.

At the conclusion of the qualification course the two highest scoring men in each company was awarded a gold and silver medal respectively. In addition the company having the highest average score was awarded a silver loving cup with appropriate engraving thereon. The high score for the fall 1943 shoot was won by Company "C," who wrested the cup from Company "E," which had won the cup for the spring 1943 shoot.

In culmination of the qualification marksmanship course the five highest scoring men in each company were formed into a company team and an inter-company match was conducted at the Fort Worth Rifle and Pistol Club Lake Worth range January 16, 1944. Seven teams representing each unit of the battalion spent the greater part of that somewhat cold Sunday holding and squeezing in an effort to win the plaque to be awarded the winning team of the match.

As a result of the firing and a careful check of the targets by Mr. Steele and Mr. Cross of the Rifle Club, and the Battalion S-3, Company "D," commanded by Capt. C. M. Sandel, was declared the winner, having nosed out Company "F" by one point.

No uniform was prescribed for the shoot, and as the weather was somewhat cold, team members are shown in what they considered their most comfortable shooting clothes, including "shooting hats."

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A soldier, recently transferred to a carrier pigeon outfit, was cleaning out the cages one morning and singing happily at his work. A passing WAC stopped and commented:

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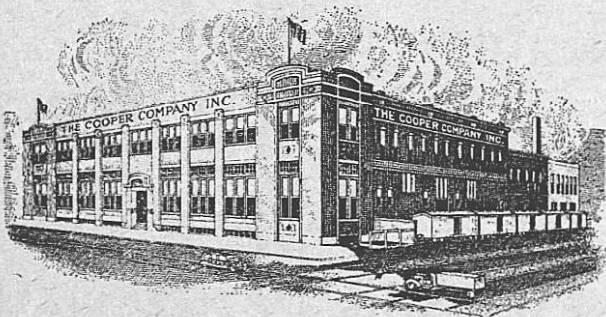
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16th Battalion Father And Son Teams



Corporal Fritz Wehring, right, and his son, Pvt. Henry Wehring.



Sgt. W. C. Smith, left, and son, Pvt. W. P. Smith.



Sgt. J. C. Patterson, left, and his son, Pvt. Charles A. Patterson.



Corporal Silvin Porkony, right, and his son, Pvt. Laddie Porkorny.

Four Sets Listed On Records Of Battalion

Four father and son combinations are in the same Company C of the 16th Battalion of the Texas State Guard in the Tri-Cities. They are all from Highlands.

Most of the fathers have been in the guard since it was organized, but some of the sons have been in only a few months.

An odd thing about one of the fathers is that he was a member of the German army in World War 1, is now a naturalized American. He is Corporal Fritz Wehring. His son is Pvt. Henry Wehring.

One of the sons outranks his father. He is Sergeant W. C. Smith. His father is a private, Pvt. W. P. Smith.

The other two fathers are non-commissioned officers. Corporal Silvin Porkorny and his son, Pvt. Laddie Porkorny, comprise one of the combinations. The other is Sergeant J. C. Patterson and his son, Pvt. Charles A. Patterson.

Captain E. C. Runneberg, a veteran of the first World War, has high praise for the four fathers and sons. "They're some of the finest men I have," he commented briefly.

Special Hospital Ration Developed

Washington.—A special hospital ration with strong eye and appetite appeal has been developed by the Quartermaster Corps for use in field hospitals overseas, the War Department announces.

Sufficient for 25 men for one day, the ration includes a variety of canned fruits, fruit juices, dehydrated soup, coffee, sugar and evaporated milk. Each of the components is packed in a metal container. The complete ration, boxed and marked with the Red Cross insignia, weighs about 60 pounds and is readily transported even to hospitals in the battle zones.

The hospital ration was designed to supplement standard field rations ordinarily served wounded men in theaters of operation and to meet the dietary needs of hospitalized soldiers.—Army Times.

Privates Joe and Peter were sent out to reconnoiter. They were given a cow's hide and told to graze toward the enemy lines. Pete took the front end. Joe the back.

Suddenly Pete heard Joe whisper: "Pssst, Pete—let's scam!"

"What's the matter?" asked Pete.

"Matter, My gosh, here comes the farmer's daughter with a milk pail."

Darryl F. Zanuck, the movie producer, in his book, "Tunis Expedition," tells the story of a tired, battered and bandaged soldier making his way back to a forward position. A column of fresh Yanks, coming up from the rear as replacements, asked him what it was like "up there." Replied the returning soldier, dead serious:

"Almost as tough as the Louisiana maneuvers."

First Star On Service Ribbon



First star on the new service ribbon for longevity in the Texas State Guard will go to Sgt. Frank Goodman, 5th Battalion, Co. C, Austin, who started meeting with the boys more than four years ago, long before the old Texas Defense Guard was officially authorized. Snow storms, high water, sickness doesn't keep Sgt. Goodman away from a scheduled meeting of his company, and he has overcome all of these obstacles at one time or another to keep a perfect attendance record. He is the only man in the 5th Battalion with such a record.

TEXAS GUARDETTES COLLECT FUND TO FIGHT POLIO

The Texas Guardettes of Fort Worth lent a helping hand during the recent "March of Dimes" campaign for the National Infantile Paralysis Fund.

They went on duty at Interstate Theatres in Fort Worth and collected \$12,000.

BETTER STAY GOOD

A list of names, reports the "Air Force," was recently posted on the bulletin board of a squadron at Harlingen (Texas) Air Field, accompanied by the following terse instructions:

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Order Issued For Service Medal Award

Following is the partial text of General Order No. 2, dated 4 January 1944, outlining the meritorious service medals:

1. Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, passed by the Fifth Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature of Texas, and approved by the Governor of Texas on 20 March, 1930, an appropriate medal was designed and executed in accordance with the mandates contained therein and was authorized for wear by the Texas National Guard by General Order No. 7, Adjutant General's Department, dated 23 May, 1933.

2. Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of General Order No. 7, are quoted in part below:

"3. The Meritorious Service Medal.

a. The medal for meritorious service is awarded to all persons who served as officers or enlisted men with the Texas National Guard; * * * for meritorious service rendered at any time, under the provisions of Articles 5778, 5830, and 5831, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, or any other provisions of the Texas Statutes now in force, or hereafter to be enacted, authorizing the Governor to call forth the National Guard for active military duty for the preservation of peace and order and the enforcement of the laws.

b. Attachments to the Meritorious Service Medal.—Service rendered on occasions, during domestic disturbances, when the Governor of the State of Texas used the military to enforce the civil laws of the State, will each be denoted by a bronze acorn attached to the ribbon from which the medal is suspended.

4. Service Ribbon

A service ribbon, identical with that from which the medal is suspended, including attachment, will accompany each medal to indicate possession of the latter.

5. Procedure For Securing Medals.

a. Application blanks for securing medals may be had on application to the Adjutant General of Texas, Austin, Texas. Applications will be filled out by applicant; and either sworn to before a Notary Public, or certified by a commissioned officer of the Texas National Guard.

b. No funds being available for the purchase of these medals, this office has perfected arrangements with the Lewis Military Supply Company of San Antonio, Texas, to furnish these medals at one (\$1) each.

c. The charge will cover cost of: (1) One medal, suspended from ribbon on bar pin. (2) Acorns or cactus leaves, to which applicant is entitled, properly attached to the ribbon from which the ribbon is suspended. (3) One service ribbon on a suitable bar pin. (4) Acorns or cactus leaves, to which applicant is entitled, properly attached to the service ribbon. (5) Prepaid insured postage."

In making application for The Meritorious Service Medal, members of the Texas State Guard will follow the same procedure as outlined in paragraph 2, 5 of this order except that, where "National

First Service Ribbons Pinned On Guard



First company of the State Guard in Texas to get service ribbons in a formal ceremony was Co. A. of the 5th Battalion, Austin. The men stand at attention in their barracks at Camp Mabry as Lt. Col. James Jones, left, adjutant general's department, pins a ribbon on Capt. Carl Hardin. Come June, 1944, when the 5th Battalion will be three years old, more than 25 "old-timers" of the 5th will receive stars for their service ribbons.

In the picture, left to right: Col. Jones, Capt. Hardin, Lts. Cecil Cabiness, Forest Pearson. First row, left to right: S/Sgt. Earlton Smith, Sgt. Asa Garrison, T/Sgt. Coy Argo, T/Sgt. Mark Weise, 1st Sgt. Shelby Morgan, Pfc. Rudolph Mueller, Sgt. Homer Spier, Cpl. Willie Alsop, Pfc. Don McCoy, S/Sgt. Eric Kaiser, Sgt. Edwin Franke.

Second row: Sgt. Clyde Buckner, Pfc. Alvah Otting, S/Sgt. Adoue Parker, Cpl. Walter Haile, Pfc. William Kline, Sgt. M. B. Jenks, Sgt. Otto Kielman, Sgt. Don Phillips, Cpl. H. L. Constant. Not in picture were Sgt. Winford Meeks, Cpls. Scott Cater, Dee Deck, Carl Warner, Joe Wells, Pvts. Jep Covington, Sam Huff.

Sergeant: "Sir, the bugler is missing."

Captain: "Where do you think he is?"

Sergeant: "I dont know. He just blew."

Guard of Texas" is mentioned, it shall be construed to mean "Texas State Guard."

By Order of the Governor:
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Brigadier General,
The Adjutant General.

Drill Sergeants Learn To Bellow Without Strain

East Lansing, Mich.—Hundreds of Army drill sergeants who can bellow out orders without straining their throats can give thanks to a woman for their proficiency. Mrs. Moitres Compere, instructor in the Speech Department of Michigan State College, has put through many a class of men during the past two years, another specialized job which has fallen to women during the war.

The men are taught to be brief and to say precisely what they need to without wasting words or energy. Each must give practice speeches on subjects such as how to put on a gas mask, how to clean a rifle, how to make and read a map or chart.

Incidentally, "harch" is accepted by the Army as the command for "march" because of the difficulty in enunciating the letter m. And, for the same reason, the "Hup" is substituted for "one" in the famous "Hup-two-three-four" sequence.—Army Times.

They had been at sea three days and the sea became choppy.

"Something," said Pvt. Jones, "tells me I'm gonna be seasick."

"What makes you think so?" asked Cpl. Smith.

"Oh, a little inside information."

Said the Sergeant of the Engineers: "All present or accounted for, sir, except Cpl. Lucas."

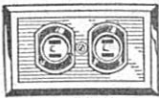
Said the Lieutenant of the Engineers: "And what happened to Cpl. Lucas?"

Replied the Sergeant of the Engineers: "He flunked his demolition tests."

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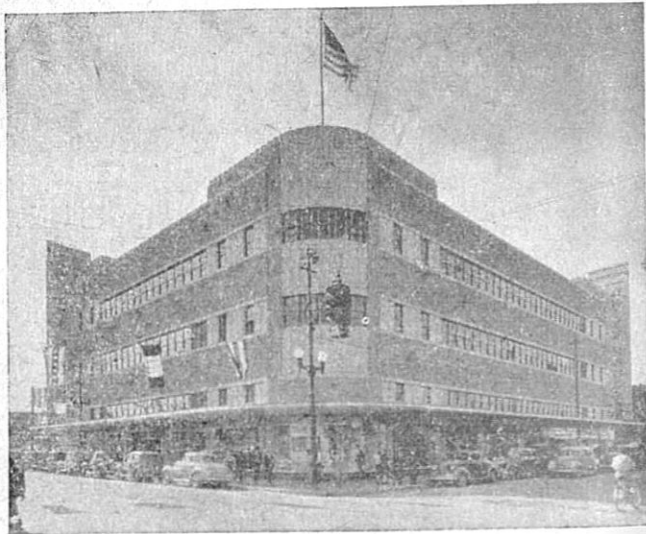
Treated blood from heifers and bulls as a substitute for human plasma in transfusion has been used successfully in some 26 cases in England, it was reported by the British Medical Journal. The report by Dr. F. Ronald Edwards, assistant professor of surgery at the University of Liverpool, said: "Bovine serum can be made safe for man by destroying the antibodies by heating to 72 degrees centigrade while rendering the proteins uncoagulable with the addition of 0.2 per cent of formalin and ammonia.—Army Times.

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31st Battalion
Notes

By SGT. MYNATT SMITH
Hq. Det., 31st Bn.

The new armory recently turned over to the 31st Battalion by the City of McAllen for its use for the duration of the war has been placed in service.

Four McAllen units of the Texas State Guard—Company B, and the battalion's medical, service and headquarters detachments—will have primary use of the plant. Plans also call for transfer of battalion headquarters to the new location.

The armory includes a main building, 50 by 140 feet, of all steel construction with concrete floor. Mess quarters will be set up in one corner of the main building along with one or two offices or supply rooms.

The battalion's three detachments have already completed the lighting of the armory. Floodlights donated by the American Legion post have been erected for outdoor lighting during night drill periods.

The plant was made available through the city commission of McAllen. It was a former National Youth Administration war plant.

A veteran member of the Texas State Guard, St. Sgt. Lloyd Glover of Co. C, Pharr, is now in uniform. The editor of the Pharr Press and clerk of the Pharr company was inducted into the navy in January. He has been assigned to San Diego, Calif., for boot camp training.

The subject of a recent article in "At Ease," the weekly column conducted for Co. B, McAllen, by St. Sgt. Edgar E. Martin, was another sergeant of that company—St. Sgt. Osborne Webb, platoon sergeant of the 1st platoon of the McAllen company.

"As a member of this organization, Webb has been absent from drill period only three times since the company was organized in April, 1941," Sergeant Martin related. "No other enlisted man (in the company) can make this claim. Call for Sergeant Webb when you want the job done."

Lt. Elmer E. Copenhagen, former top sergeant of the company, is another member of Co. B who can claim to have missed no more than three drill periods since the unit was organized.

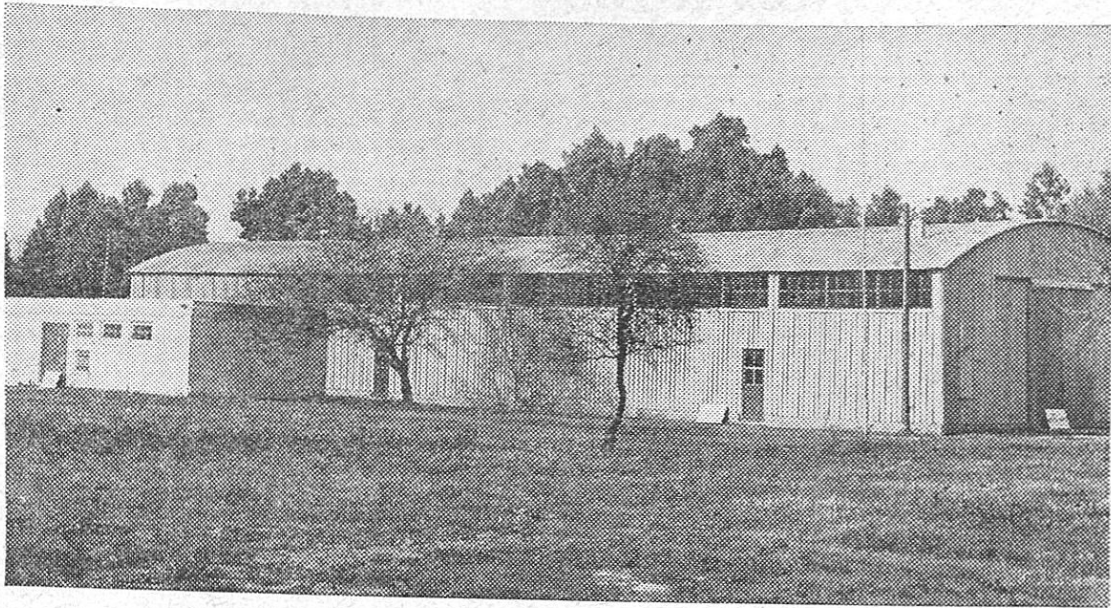
Edinburg's Co. F has recently received a new shipment of equipment, including shelter halves, and with weather turning moderate Capt. Clayton Baird is planning a number of outdoor services for the company, including maneuvers, bivouacs and rifle practice.

One of the latest men to trade his TSG uniform for that of the army is St. Sgt. Robert L. Womack, a member of the headquarters detachment at McAllen since its organization. He was inducted early in February at San Antonio. Sergeant Womack was circulation manager of the Valley Evening Monitor at McAllen.

Members of the Mission Lions Club got their first glimpse of a Thompson sub-machinegun recently when 1st Lt. L. A. Smith dismantled one at a meeting of the club and then allowed the members to inspect it. The display took place during a program at which the work of the Texas State Guard was featured.

The club has already provided the Mission Guard company with 10 members.

31st Battalion's New Armory



The 31st Battalion's new armory one mile south of McAllen. The large building, all steel, is being used for interior drill space as well as other events for large crowds. Small white building at left will be converted into offices and supply rooms.

Company A carried out an interesting field problem recently in which 2nd Lt. Carroll D. Lyons and his detail, Sgt. Leslie D. Morgan and Pfc. Robert D. Reynolds, were assigned to block a motorized patrol made up by the remainder of the company under command of Capt. Lonnie Reed. The three men estimated where the patrol cars would stop, constructed their block near a bridge, then moved out of the darkness on the rear car, capturing it without a sound. From then on they moved along the line of cars, methodically capturing occupants of the machines ahead. In almost every case they were mistaken for other members of the patrol until it was too late. The group drew the commendation of Captain Reed.

Company A has received shelter halves, safety-first kits and new supplies of .45 calibre and 20.06 ammunition.

RETURN FOR MISTAKE

A soldier called at the chaplain's office looking as though he had something on his mind.

"I just called to ask you," he said, "whether you think it is right for any person to profit by the mistakes of others?"

"Most certainly not," replied the chaplain.

The soldier brightened and held out his hand. "If that's the case then perhaps you'll return the ten dollars I gave you last June for marrying me."—The Communique, Camp Livingston, La.

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A tiny radio microphone worn on the upper lips has been adopted for use by the Army in tanks and other places where users of communications must have their hands free, the War Department announces.

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Armored Command tests show the new noise-cancelling principle used in the microphone makes it capable of superior performance at high noise levels. The new instrument is more rugged than similar

ones found in commercial use and can withstand total immersion for about ten minutes without harm.

To increase clearness, the microphone is provided with breath shields in front and back, acting as buffers against puffs of air from the mouth which otherwise would cause muffled or unintelligible sounds.

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Los Fresnos 'Captured' By Units Of 24th

The true meaning of "Infiltration" was learned February 4 by members of the 24th Battalion. The four companies were divided into two separate battalions and alerted at 7:15 p.m. Transportation had been previously arranged for, so no time was lost in getting underway.

Selecting the town of Los Fresnos, which is equidistant from San Benito, Port Isabel and Brownsville, as the focal point was a natural. Two companies were sent in to defend it while the remaining two companies, plus Headquarters Detachment, were used to "take" the town. "Infiltrating" was the ground rule which resulted in one of the best operations ever conducted by the 24th Battalion. This one extended over a period of 3 1/2 hours.

The entire operation was under the direct control of Major Dorfman, assisted by Battalion officers and enlisted personnel of the 124th Cavalry, Ft. Brown, Texas.

Future operations of a like nature are planned for the immediate future, the next centering in the town of San Benito and the following one around the city of Brownsville.

After four hours of bitter fighting, during which invading troops forced their way through defending forces on the outskirts of the city and beat down their last ditch defense within the buildings of the community, the city of Los Fresnos fell to A and B companies.

Company C of San Benito, and Company D of Port Isabel, under the command of Capt. Ross Stanley of Port Isabel, defended the city under furious attack by Brownsville Companies A and B commanded by Capt. Paul Springman, during which the attacking forces used smoke screens and simulated gas attacks to shield their movements.

Members of the attacking force infiltrated the enemy wire and machinegun positions, forcing the defending forces to retreat within the village itself. House to house fighting developed with the men of C and D companies contesting every foot of the territory under their control.

About 265 men took part in the maneuvers with the headquarters

HONOR ROLL FOR JANUARY

Co. and Bn.	Home Station	Grade
Serv. Det., 6th Bn.	Florence	85
Co. C, 35th Bn.	Dallas	92
Co. D, 35th Bn.	Dallas	83
Co. B, 41st Bn.	Quanah	86
Co. E, 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi	86
Co. E, 31st Bn.	Donna	75
Co. B, 7th Bn.	Pasadena	79
Co. E, 7th Bn.	Houston	76
Co. B, 19th Bn.	Dallas	79
Co. A, 6th Bn.	Lampasas	91
Hq. 12th Bn.	Mart	87
Co. C, 18th Bn.	Beaumont	73
Co. D, 37th Bn.	Palestine	71
Co. B, 4th Bn.	El Paso	96
Co. D, 7th Bn.	Houston	83
Co. D, 14th Bn.	Pampa	80
Serv. Det., 26th Bn.	Harlingen	88
Serv. Det., 37th Bn.	Frost	92
Co. C, 34th Bn.	Crane	89
Hq., 39th Bn.	Lubbock	95
Co. C, 26th Bn.	Mercedes	87
Med. Det., 39th Bn.	Lubbock	97
Co. C, 38th Bn.	San Diego	77
Co. C, 51st Bn.	Dallas	70
Co. D, 18th Bn.	China	88
Co. C, 19th Bn.	Dallas	95
Co. A, 19th Bn.	Dallas	75
Co. E, 11th Bn.	Ballinger	72
Co. A, 44th Bn.	Lufkin	86
Co. E, 45th Bn.	Lockhart	89
Co. A, 14th Bn.	Amarillo	88
Co. E, 1st Bn.	Grandfalls	72
Co. G, 31st Bn.	Rio Grande City	89

HONORABLE MENTION

Co. and Bn.	Home Station
Co. D, 47th Bn.	Sugarland
Hq., 20th Bn.	Uvalde
Co. A, 18th Bn.	Beaumont
Hq., 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi
Hq., 51st Bn.	Dallas
Co. B, 11th Bn.	San Angelo

detachment and the medical detachment on hand. The medical corpsmen conducted rescue work and handled many simulated casualties, with stretcher bearers and field hospital units closely following the advancing forces.

Officers of the 24th Battalion of the guard and enlisted men of the 124th Cavalry from Fort Brown acted as referees of the maneuvers.

Trucks from Fort Brown, furnished by Lt. Col. C. K. Davis, regimental commander of the 124th Cavalry, through Capt. Joseph Jerabek, regimental supply officer, furnished transportation for men and equipment to the scene of the maneuvers.

Mess details of all four companies supplied sandwiches and hot coffee to the men after the completion of the maneuver.

SELF-HEATING SOUP

London.—There may be some question among GI's as to whether dehydrated vegetables are either an improvement or a luxury, but they are sure to welcome self-heating soup.

Such a soup was exhibited at the British Ministry of Food last week. Lighting a fuse running through the center of an ordinary can of soup, the demonstrator had it ready to serve in four minutes.

Uncle Sam has ordered 1,000,000 cans for troops stationed in cold areas to use when it is impossible or dangerous to build a fire.

NOT NERVOUS

Out in New Guinea a squadron observer went in to report to his commanding officer after returning from a raid.

"Were you nervous during the attack?" the CO asked.

"Who, me?" asked the observer, "I was cool as a cucumber during the whole show."

"Swell," said the CO. "I thought you might have been a bit nervous when you radioed in that 27,000 enemy bombers were coming in at 8 feet."—The Communique, Camp Livingston, La.

A yard bird in our outfit says the following menu was enclosed in a letter from his uncle:

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Lemon Mirage Pie.

Pvt.: "So I fainted . . . they brought me to . . . so I fainted again."

Cpl.: "Why?"

Pvt.: "Well, they brought me two more."

The soldier was a new arrival in the Solomons. "Gee," he said, "I thought I'd see a lot of monkeys around here."

Said the second soldier: "They're in the jungle making love."

"I wonder," said the new arrival, "if they'd come out for peanuts?"

The second soldier's look was scornful. "Would you?"

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Guardsmen From Big Spring Go Up Fast In Service

Company E, 34th Battalion, celebrated its second anniversary on January 12 and Captain Hudson L. Bohannon, commanding officer, took pride in pointing to the fact that a large percentage of Company E men who have gone into the armed services have advanced rapidly.

The Big Spring Daily Herald, in a story on the second anniversary, said, in part:

Virtually all former guardsmen have made non-commission ratings quickly and several have become officers. Aviation cadets have written back concerning the invaluable background they received in the Guard here.

"While we are proud of this record and happy for the opportunity to train young men," said Capt. Bohannon, "we nevertheless need some older men to maintain a strong organization constantly here at home."

In recent months, he said, several thousand military police maintained by the Army in the State for security reasons, have been shipped. "This simply means that the security job is falling on the shoulders of the TSG," said Capt. Bohannon.

One recent development of the

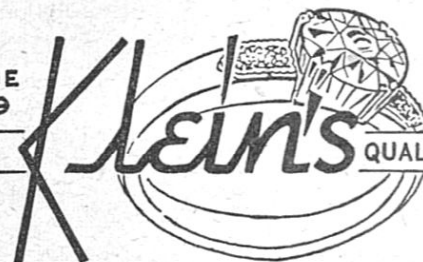
local unit has been the enlistment of many men of Latin-American extraction. These have enlisted freely where there has been difficulty in interesting native Texans. Capt. Bohannon said that they were not only getting sound military training, but were receiving valuable lessons in Americanism as well.

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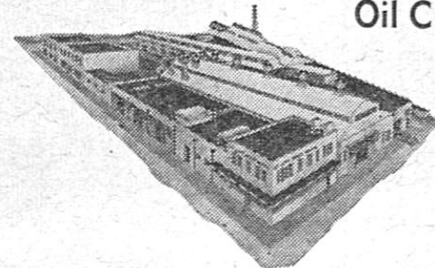
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YOUNG, Robert L.	1st Lt.	AGD	Houston
KENDALL, Peter L.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 1st Bn.	Monahans
ARON, Alfred I.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 2nd Bn.	Houston
BRANDA, George M.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 2nd Bn.	Houston
PANGMAN, William J.	Major	Med. Det. 4th Bn.	El Paso
HALL, ROBT. H.	1st Lt.	Med. Det. 4th Bn.	El Paso
MILLICAN, Edward L., Jr.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 4th Bn.	Clint
LUMM, Alva J.	Captain	Ser. Det., 6th Bn.	Florence
SLATAPER, Felician J.	Captain	Hqs., 7th Bn.	Houston
BURRUS, Thomas E.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 10th Bn.	Colorado City
RATLIFF, Robert H.	Captain	Co. D, 10th Bn.	Colorado City
ROGERS, Howard R.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 10th Bn.	Colorado City
KING, Wilbur R.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 11th Bn.	San Angelo
OLVERA, Marcos	1st Lt.	Co. A, 13th Bn.	Laredo
BROWN, Thomas G.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 14th Bn.	Borger
COPENHAVER, Foy R.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 14th Bn.	Borger
McCARNEY, Loyd V.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 14th Bn.	Borger
PHILLIPS, Orville P.	Captain	Co. E, 14th Bn.	Dalhart
VANLANDINGHAM, Earl F.	2nd Lt.	Co. F, 14th Bn.	Dumas
WHERRY, Gerald L.	1st Lt.	Co. F, 14th Bn.	Dumas
WILDER, Henry L.	Captain	Med. Det., 14th Bn.	Borger
BREWSTER, James R.	Major	Hqs., 15th Bn.	Breckenridge
LINDSEY, Curtis R.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 16th Bn.	Liberty
WHITAKER, Wesley C.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 17th Bn.	Throckmorton
JAEGER, Alfred W.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 19th Bn.	Dallas
HARRISON, Gaston G.	Major	Med. Det., 19th Bn.	Dallas
MULLENS, Macon S., Sr.	Captain	Med. Det., 19th Bn.	Dallas
FRIDDELL, Delmas T.	Captain	Med. Det., 19th Bn.	Dallas
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BUMPASS, Stewart R.	Captain	Med. Det., 19th Bn.	Dallas
WHITE, Claud V.	Captain	Med. Det., 19th Bn.	Dallas
WARREN, Guy E.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 21st Bn.	Refugio
HODGES, James G.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 21st Bn.	Refugio
LUCKY, John W.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 22nd Bn.	Houston
COX, Samuel R.	Captain	Hqs., 23rd Bn.	Henderson
HUDSON, Ted L. W.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 23rd Bn.	Henderson
HINSON, Maurice E.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 23rd Bn.	Henderson
HOLT, Albert T.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 23rd Bn.	New London
PATTERSON, John R.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 23rd Bn.	New London
KNAUTH, Herbert R.	Captain	Co. C, 23rd Bn.	Joinerville
OLSON, Arden M.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 24th Bn.	Brownsville
BRAY, Roy E.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 26th Bn.	Mercedes
EDWARDS, Kenneth R.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 26th Bn.	Mercedes
TUCKER, William F.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 27th Bn.	Fort Worth
McANALLY, Loyd N.	Major	Med. Det., 27th Bn.	Fort Worth
LYMBERY, Meydon P., Jr.	Major	Hqs., 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi
JENNINGS, Onus B.	2nd Lt.	Co. G, 28th Bn.	Corpus Christi
BIGGERSTAFF, Edwin L.	Captain	Hqs., 29th Bn.	Dallas
PICKERING, Ernest J.	Captain	Hqs., 29th Bn.	Dallas
SELLEY, Jack Harding	1st Lt.	Co. A, 29th Bn.	Dallas
POTEET, Sam L.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 29th Bn.	Dallas
MITCHELL, Jesse E.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 29th Bn.	Dallas
WEAVER, Luther B.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 29th Bn.	Dallas
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WOODS, Joe W.	1st Lt.	Hq., 33rd Bn.	Marshall
WOODS, Andrew J.	1st Lt.	Hq., 33rd Bn.	Marshall
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MYRICK, James W.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 45th Bn.	Lockhart
ANNAS, Harry F.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 45th Bn.	Lockhart
HARTIN, Conover, Jr.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 49th Bn.	Galveston
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Notes From Co. D, 33rd Bn.

Capt. Frank Scroggins introduced a plan recently to the men of Co. D, 33rd Battalion, which was heartily accepted by all. Tickets are given to each man, with the exception of commissioned officers, who attends regular drill. Corresponding tickets are placed in a box and the holder of the lucky number drawn is presented a \$2 check.

Co. D was called upon a few weeks ago to provide armed escort for the funeral of A. E. Shepard, World war veteran and former post commander of Smiley Summers Post of the American Legion in Marshall. This was the second time Co. D had been called upon for this service, the first being for Lieut. Sam Warren, who was killed in a plane crash at Corpus Christi.

Machine gunners of Co. D went out on the range for a little practice in January, and according to 2nd Lieut. Harry J. Parker some very good scores were made. Regular lessons on the mechanism of the tommy guns and range practice will be held from now on. Several members of Co. D turned out for shotgun and rifle practice Sunday, February 6. There was lots of fun and shooting for everyone.

Co. D has given the oath to a number of recruits the past few weeks, but at the same time discharges have been granted to Guardsmen who have been called to service. We are happy to say we are holding our own, but we can always use a new member.

By a unanimous vote Co. D initiated a rule that any member AWOL from drill would pay the kangaroo court 50c. Our funds in this court are building up very slowly and attendance has been good.

Capt. Ted Wheeler, a former National Guard member and now in

the regular army forces, was a recent visitor of Co. D and gave a demonstration on the hand grenade.

Pvt.: "Can you read my mind?"
She: "Yes."
Pvt.: "Go ahead."
She: "No. You go ahead."

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A Naval lieutenant wrote the following letter aboard a ship in the South Pacific:

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Company C, 36th Battalion Activities

Editor,
Texas Guardsman.
Dear Sir:

Thinking it is about time someone wrote and told you about Co. C, 36th Infantry Battalion, and its activities, I take the liberty of doing so in order to let the rest of the Texas Guardsmen know that we're still in there bucking. First, I want to tell you something of its history. Co. C was organized early in the spring of 1941 and is now more than three years old. Its original membership was composed of World War I veterans and some ex-regular army men. There are still a few of the charter members active in our ranks and much credit should be given to them for their ceaseless work in keeping the Company functioning.

Our Captain, E. A. Schumann, and Lieutenants F. N. Warwick and H. G. Schumann, are veterans of the first war and are old in the game and deserve a lot of credit for the progress made by our organization. Our non-com staff consists of war veterans and some former members of the old National Guard.

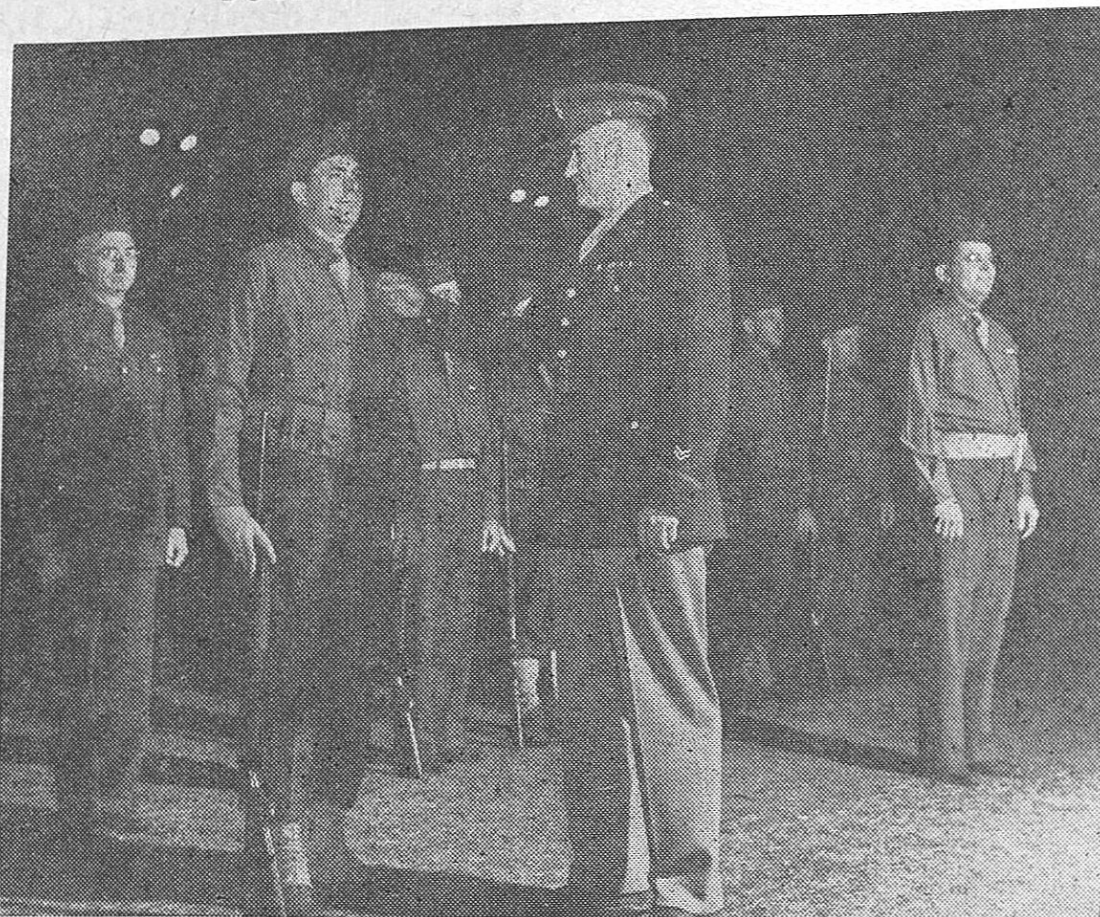
We have non-com school every Wednesday night, and here the problems and plans are worked out for the following drill period. We have some very vital war industries located in Comal County, the most important of which is the Comal Power Plant, situated on the banks of the Comal River within our city limits, and we're actively engaged in working out problems for the protection of this plant in case of an emergency.

The destruction of this plant or the diversion of the waters from the lake above would seriously affect the war effort, at least temporarily.

Target Range

We have erected a target range in the basement of our Armory and have target practice twice a month and should produce some very good shots soon with the .22 rifle. We have also received a shipment of .45 caliber ammunition and each of us will get an opportunity to fire a few rounds with the sub-machine on our outdoor range in

Beaumont Service Ribbon Presented



Capt. H. H. Hearfield, army provost marshal for the Beaumont area, is pictured as he presented a service ribbon to Sgt. John Tierney of Company B, Texas State Guard. The group shown are personnel of Company B, which have served three years in the Guard. Others in the picture included First Lieut. George Gary in the right foreground and First Sgt. John Terry in the rear of Sergeant Tierney.

Why Is It Called Retreat?

Here's an answer to the question that has beset any number of GIs and civilians alike: "Why it the evening formation in the Army called Retreat?"

A soldier wrote to the American Legion to see if he could find out. The Legion turned the query over to the Army War College, where Katherine Greenwood, librarian, dug up the tome and advised that the records of Her Majesty's forces, British, had to say: "It is ordered in Her Majesty's Regulations for the Army, p. 253, 'that The Retreat is to sound or beat at sunset; after which no trumpet is to sound, or drum to beat, in the garrison except at watch setting and Tattoo, and in case of fire or other alarm.'"

"The word is only the French retraite, signifying the retirement of the men from their daily duties, or perhaps originally to their quarters. This is the only significance of the word in military parlance, the word 'retire' being always used to express a backward movement."

roads in our ranks, but we are proud of the fact that most of the men drafted from our Company have received a rating, for which they were duly qualified, due to the training received in the guard, either upon entering the service or shortly thereafter.

Before I close, I want to extend to the Editor and his staff, in behalf of the officers and men of Co. "C," 36th Inf. Bn., our best wishes for the success of the Texas Guardsman. It is a swell magazine, so keep up the good work.

To all the non-commissioned officers of Company "D" who attended the Cadet School at Camp Bullis last year—greetings from S/Sgts. Jack Schumann and Nelson.

Very truly yours,
S/Sgt. J. F. Nelson,
Co. "C," 36th Inf. Bn.,
New Braunfels, Texas.

the near future. Yours truly fired this gun at the Cadet school at Camp Bullis last year and will say that this gun is a bearcat for hitting power. I am sure that everyone will get a kick out of this gun (on the shoulder).

We have a number of youngsters on our roster, whom I am happy to say take to this training like a duck takes to water and like it very much.

We are receiving our equipment little by little and will soon be fully equipped.

Victory Corps

A lot of credit should also be given Co. C for the organization and training of the New Braunfels High School Victory Corps. Under the guidance of Lt. H. G. Schumann, this work was started late in the spring of 1943 and again resumed in September, after the vacation period. Lt. Schuman is assisted in this work by S/Sgts. A. E. Schumann and J. F. Nelson.

The work is progressing very satisfactorily and we promise you that by the end of the present term we will have a Victory Corps second to none in Texas. The membership of this Corps, numbering 100, consists of high school boys ranging in ages from 15 to 18 years, and with a very few exceptions they're all enthusiastic enough about this training and a few of them have joined the ranks of Co. C.

Too Complacent

Referring again to our Company we have experienced the same difficulty the rest of you have in keeping our organization up to full strength, but we're not discouraged. We get a few new members from time to time. I am sorry to say that we are not getting the support and backing from the local public that we deserve. The people seem so indifferent, call it complacency if you wish, but perhaps they'll wake up yet, who knows?

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Army Would Recover Missing Clothing

The Army wants to recover quantities of clothing issued to soldiers and lost or abandoned at commercial laundries and dry-cleaning establishments.

Eighth Service Command headquarters reports the War Department had established a procedure for the recovery of clothing not claimed from laundries and cleaners by enlisted men within a reasonable length of time, approximately 90 days.

Laundries and dry-cleaning establishments should report the unclaimed clothing to the quartermaster at the nearest Army installation, the headquarters said. The quartermaster will claim it and pay the charges due.

Most of this unclaimed clothing is abandoned by men who are transferred suddenly from one station to another. Replacements are issued to the men, and the Army Service Forces recover the clothing for re-issue.



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Size and Scope Of Army Air Forces Shown

Fort Worth.—The scope, complexity and volume of individual training required to produce the manpower for the world's greatest air force now numbering in excess of 2,300,000 officers and enlisted men were revealed when the AAF Training Command made public for the first time statistics on nearly five years of AAF training.

It was an unusual announcement—the first of its kind authorized by the War Department since Pearl Harbor. It involved the publication of facts and figures which had heretofore been treated as "confidential."

The figures show that 100,799 pilots, 20,086 bombardiers, 18,805 navigators, 107,218 aerial flexible gunners, and 555,891 ground and air combat crew technicians have been graduated from the Training Command's nationwide network of flying and technical schools from January 1, 1939, to November 30, 1943.

Colossal and Complex

The totals reflect clearly the colossal, complex mission of the Training Command which is charged with the responsibility of training, as individuals, all AAF personnel, including pilots, bombardiers, navigators, gunners, and 65 different categories of technicians.

With the exception of 3491 glider pilots, 2348 liaison pilots, and 444 women pilots, most of the 100,799 pilots are qualified either as fighter or bomber combat fliers.

The figure of 555,891 technicians represents only the number graduated from basic courses. It, therefore, does not show the total number of technicians produced nor does it give a true picture of the extensive technical training given. It includes 240,360 airplane mechanics, 100,339 radio operator mechanics, 70,166 armorers, 46,052 clerks, and 98,974 specialists lumped together under the heading of "miscellaneous." This latter group covers about 25 different categories, including, among others, sheet metal workers, parachute riggers and repairmen, welders, instrument men, Link trainer operators, cryptographers, photographers and photo technicians, and special purpose motor vehicle maintenance men.

Over Half Million

In addition to the well over a half million basic technical course graduates, 64,230 were graduated from officers' courses, 114,082 from factory courses, and 51,198 from advanced courses. Although the majority of the individuals included in these totals came from the 555,891 graduates of basic courses, a good many came from duty assignments with the various Air Forces and other commands, or from the basic training centers, where the AAF classification system indicated that they were well enough qualified to by-pass the basic technical courses.

Because most gunners on heavy and medium bombers "double in lead" as technicians, a high percentage of the 107,218 graduates of the flexible gunnery courses had also completed successfully the basic technical courses in mechanics, radio or armament.—Army Times.

What Does It Take To Be A Leader?

By MAJOR JAMES DELMAR
Commanding 22nd Battalion

1. In the old days an officer or non-commissioned officer could do just about as he saw fit.
2. He could crack the whip, promote or break a man.
3. He could bawl men out, cuss them, use sarcasm on them and the men had to take it.
4. That type of officer and non-commissioned officer is just about washed up. They are going out fast.
5. The new leader or officer or non-commissioned officer of today gets results without rough tactics.
6. Men respect them and do as they wish.
7. It takes a real guy to be a leader, and today the officer and non-commissioned officer must be a leader.
8. A title does not make a leader.
9. When a man becomes an officer or non-commissioned officer he is given respect and authority plus a chance to prove he is a leader and it is a lot easier to get a job as an officer or non-commissioned officer than it is to prove you are a leader.
10. A good leader will take stock of himself and he will never let the job go to his head. He is never thin-skinned nor too concerned with his dignity.
11. A leader is expected to build other men, to teach them and to improve them.
12. A leader is never over-anxious and always prepares himself thoroughly, prior to giving instructions to others.
13. A man who takes it for granted that he is a natural born leader of men is fooling himself and is riding to a fall.
14. A leader is expected to get the job done, and in order to do this he must be prepared himself. He knows his equipment. He knows his problems and he is thoroughly familiar with every task he attempts to lead his men into.
15. If he can't work through people and with people he is a bust as a leader.
16. He must know the abilities of the men serving under him. He must make a psychological analysis of his men. Some will take a pat on the back and do the job well. Others must be pushed along occasionally.
17. He must know how to train workers and teach other to train them.
18. An officer or non-commissioned officer is expected to distribute the work so as to make the best use of his force.
19. He is expected to keep his men busy and occupied during their entire drill periods, and not allow certain few to bunch up and dodge work.
20. He is expected to keep down friction within the ranks, and by all means be a courageous loser himself, should he participate in games of sport with his subordinates.
21. No leader can do it all. His success depends upon his ability to have others perform with and for him.
22. The most important word in all human relations is respect. Unless a man can win and hold the respect of his workers, he cannot be a real leader. The old-time officer and non-commissioned officer tried to get respect by being tough, and thought respect was something he could demand. You cannot demand respect, you must win it.
23. You do not win respect by coddling men or by being soft with them, or by letting them push you around. You have got to be a man to win respect, and real men, real leaders are strong. They are not easy to push around.
24. However, you don't have to be tough to be strong, and you do not have to talk in a loud voice to be strong. In fact, being tough and bellowing in a loud voice are usually cover-ups for weakness, and your men usually find that out.
25. A leader isn't tough but he is firm. He holds men up to a standard of performance, and they will not respect him if he lets them get away with murder.
26. By his firmness and by doing good work himself and refusing to accept sloppy work from anyone else, he demonstrates and upholds a high standard of performance.
27. Men respect a leader for firmness in his dealings, for his willingness to give credit and praise whenever credit and praise are due.
28. A leader who possesses adaptability and has the ability to meet situations and new conditions, and to make adjustments in order to to complete a task regardless of the obstacle, is the type of man who is going forward.
29. You can take a deep quiet pride in being a real leader for it is the highest and finest achievement of any officer or non-commissioned officer.

This is one of those stories that's going the rounds in the Army. A soldier stepped up to his commanding officer and requested leave to go home and help his wife move. The captain said he was sorry, but he had received a letter from the soldier's wife in which she let it be known she didn't need him at home for the moving. "She said you'd be more of a hindrance than a help, so I can't give you the pass," the captain concluded.

The soldier saluted, started out. At the door he paused. "Captain," he said, "there are two fellows in this company that handle the truth very loosely. I'm one of them. You see, sir, I'm not married."

Chaplain: "We will now have a few minutes of prayer. Corporal Jones, will you lead?"

Cpl. Jones (sleepily): "It ain't my lead, I just dealt."

Guard Veteran



Pfc. B. E. Millikan (above) has been a member of Company A, 9th Battalion, Texas State Guard, for the past two years, and has not missed a single drill night.

He served a three-year enlistment with the volunteer Coast Guards in Savannah, Georgia, during 1909-1912. Had practice experience on the big disappearing guns at Fort Scriven at the mouth of the Savannah River near Tybee Island, Georgia, when they were mustered into the regular army for ten days for that purpose during their encampment in 1911. His religious faith is "The Society of Friends (Quakerism)", which does not believe in war; but as the good book teaches us to fight the devil, says Mr. Millikan, he is all out for preparedness to do the present job well. He is 67½ years young.

"What's the idea of knocking Army food?" roared the mess sergeant. "And all because you found a little sand in your spinach. Don't you love love your country?"

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U. S. Army Operates Biggest Film Chain

Washington.—Hollywood would call it magnificent, stupendous, super-colossal, but the War Department just casually states that it is operating the world's biggest individual chain of motion picture houses.

The size of the War Department Motion Picture Service would make any chain store operator envious. In the 1180 movie houses the only item that is cut-rate is the admission price—the productions are all strictly 1-A.

This 1180 total doesn't include overseas theatres nor does the amazing figure of 250,000,000 soldiers, male and female, who clicked the turnstiles to see the "sneak previews" of the screen hits during the past year.

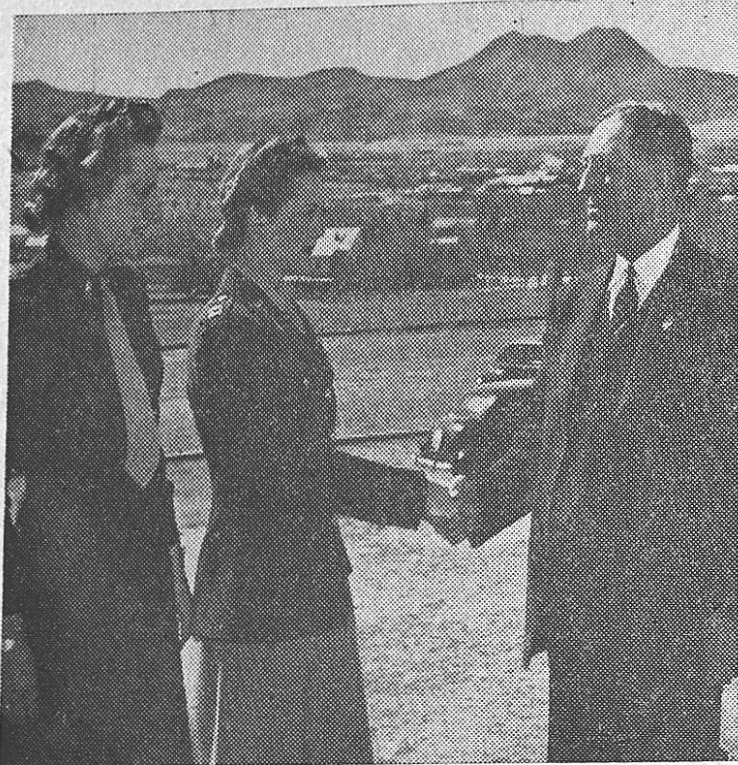
The function of the U. S. Army Motion Picture Service is to provide recreation by means of motion picture film for the troops of the U. S. Army. In the carrying out of this assigned duty the Service is now operating in over 628 Army posts to the extent of over 5000 feature bookings weekly.

The Service operates under the Director of the Special Services Division of the Army Service Forces. It is a cooperative organization, functioning without benefit of Congressionally appropriated funds, on a self-sustaining basis through paid admission receipts of the armed forces personnel who attend its theatres.

Despite the size of the movie chain and the early showing of top attractions, the soldiers are never faced with the problem of long engagements. Most theatres maintain a schedule of five changes a week. This includes two two-day showings, two single-day showings and one double bill. On rare occasions a theatre has but three changes a week.

Since August, 1941, films have been shown in War Department

WAC Training Ends At Sul Ross



In line with the recent announcement of the War Department that the training object of the Army has been reached, WAC Training Branch No. 7, at Sul Ross State College in Alpine, closed on February 2.

The entire unit has been disbanded and training personnel of the school has been transferred to operational assignments throughout the Eighth Service Command.

On February 12, all facilities leased by the War Department will be returned to the College. Beautiful Lawrence Hall, that has housed hundreds of WACS, is again occupied by Sul Ross women students.

In the picture Captain Mary J. Roberts, WAC Staff Director of Training Branch No. 7, and a resident of Port Arthur, who has been on duty at the school since May 31, 1943, says goodbye to Dr. W. H. Morelock, president of the Sul Ross College, on leaving for Fort Bliss to assume new duties. Looking on is Lt. Marguerite Kurtz, of San Diego, California, who is being assigned to Fort Sam Houston. Photo taken from steps of Library Building of Sul Ross College and overlooking Alpine Valley.

theatres immediately upon their release and without regard to the dates on which they may be booked for civilian exhibition. This concession from the film industry was in exchange for an agreement that civilians be excluded from the Army theatres, and that no advertising be placed on the post where it may be seen by the passing public.—Army Times.

A GI was seen to bow slightly whenever the name of Satan was mentioned. One day the chaplain met him and asked him to explain. "Well," said the GI, "politeness costs nothing, and you never know."

(The Communique, Camp Polk, Louisiana.)

Snap-On Shoulder Patch Saves Time

Bolling Field, D. C.—A practical snap-on insignia for soldiers uniforms, which can quickly be attached or removed from the sleeve without sewing, ripping or fraying, has been patented by an Army sergeant, the War Department announced this week.

The unique but practical insignia is lined with a plastic disc cut to the size of a shoulder-patch. Another thin plastic disc is fitted over the shank from the inside of the blouse or shirt, with a small projective passing through the shank to hold the patch in place.

The plastic insignia fits more snugly than other "snap-on" insignia devices and eliminates the time spent in removing of stitches and resewing after the garment has been laundered.

Sgt. Norman A. Doerr, stationed at the Army Air Base at Bolling Field, D. C., conceived the idea while serving in the Army prior to 1922. Upon discharge from the service he became a civilian employee at the Bolling Field Sub-Depot, perfecting the invention in his spare time. When he enlisted recently he filed for a patent through the Judge Advocate General, Army Service Forces.

The insignia has not gone on general sale through difficulty in obtaining necessary materials.—Army Times.

The war was over and one of the sergeants who helped lay Hitler's body underground was describing the scene.

"The Germans put the coffin down 25 times," he said.

"Twenty-five times?" echoed his listeners. "What for?"

"Encores," said the sergeant.

"What did they teach you at school today, son?"

"Teacher told us all about Columbus and how he went a thousand miles on a galleon."

"She did, did she. Well, don't you believe all she tells you about those foreign cars, my boy."

ABSENCE makes the war go longer.

Average Age Of Generals Is 51

Washington.—There is an emphasis on youth in modern warfare, as exemplified by the fact that 56 per cent of all General Officers serving with combat units, including Corps, Divisions, separate Brigades and separate Air Forces, are under 50 years of age, the War Department disclosed this week.

In the separate Air Forces, the percentage is even higher, with 64 per cent of the General Officers under 50 years of age.

In this war outstanding officers have been selected for promotion regardless of age. The youngest General Officer on active duty is Edward J. Timberlake of the Air Corps, who was but 33 years and 11 months when he was promoted to Brigadier General for outstanding combat duty in an overseas theater of operations.

At the present time there are 15 Generals on active duty who are under the age of 40. Of the 1114 Generals now on duty (excluding those who were on the retired list and recalled to duty) the average age is 51 years, while on November 11, 1918, the date of the Armistice in the World War, the average age of Generals (appointed from line branches of the Regular Army only) was 51 years 1 month.

However, the age of Division Commanders overseas is lower in this war than in the World War. The average age of Division Commanders at this time is 52 years, while it was 55 years during the World War.—Army Times.

Now that the Chinese Air Force is equipped with more planes, Japanese generals are sending their fliers into battle with these words: "We trust you will show the same gallant heroism against the Chinese Air Forces now as you did when they had no planes."

K-Rations Include Food For Soul

Washington.—Soldiers in fox-holes and in combat areas generally will have food for their souls as well as for their bodies issued to them with their K-rations soon.

The War Department has just published the first issue of a small folder entitled "Hymns from Home," containing 12 non-denominational hymns and the 23rd Psalm. While most of these folders will be issued to service men through the chaplains, the Quartermaster General's department will take one million copies of The Word editions and wrap them around K-rations to send to the war fronts.

The fighting men may then have the hymns handy to assist them in singing their prayers if they wish while going into battle or while waiting in combat zones for the call to action.

Titles of the hymns for which there is also a music edition to be issued on the basis of certain numbers of men, include God Will Take Care of You, Faith of Our Fathers, America the Beautiful, Sweet Hour of Prayer, There's a Church in the Valley, Abide With Me, All the World Shall Come to Serve Thee, I Would Be True, Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, God Bless America, Day is Dying in the West, Come, Thou Almighty King, and Our Help in Ages Past.

The Music Branch of the Special Services Division, and the Office of the Chief of Chaplains have collaborated in preparing the leaflets.—Army Times.

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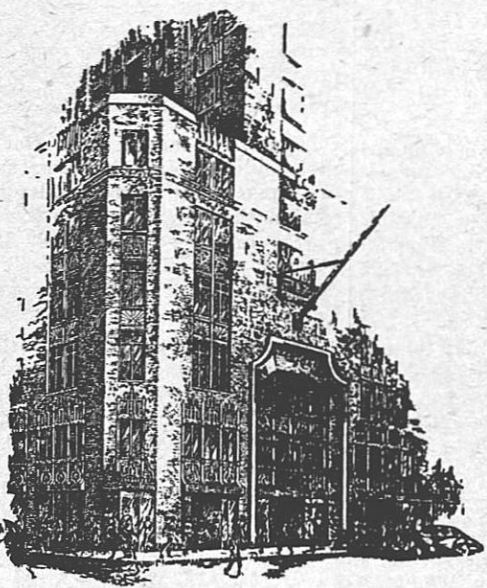
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including foot or mounted troops usually halt 10 minutes each hour.

(c) At the signal for the halt, troops bear to the side of the road and fall out. If possible all halts should be made in shade or a place desirable for relaxation.

(d) The hardships caused by cold weather can be mitigated by providing suitable winter clothing, permitting troops to sling their weapons over the shoulder in order to allow freedom of arms, not to require troops to be kept in column any longer than necessary, and keep the vehicles in good condition by regular care and cleaning.

(3) The surgeon attached to a troop unit marches at the tail of the unit. He authorizes men to fall out, admits men to the ambulances, and after treating certain cases directs them to report to the guard at the tail of the unit.

(4) A quartering party composed of a staff officer, a medical officer, necessary assistants and any number of men so designated make preparations for quartering a command. The staff officer is the chief quartering officer of the advance quartering party.

- (5) Procedure on Arrival at Camp Site—The foot troops on arrival at the camp site should proceed immediately to their bivouac areas, unsling packs, and pitch tents. The following steps should be taken as soon as possible after arrival at camp:
- (a) A hot meal should be served.
 - (b) Orders regarding sanitation should be announced to the entire unit.
 - (c) All individuals should wash their feet, and change socks and shoes.
 - (d) Organization commanders should conduct an inspection of their units and arrange for the treatment of injuries or the correction of any other defects noted.
 - (e) Sick call should be held.
 - (f) Commanding officers should verify the posting of water guards and the method of treatment of the water supply.
 - (g) Medical officers should be consulted regarding any members of the organization who appear to be physically incapacitated, and begin corrective measures immediately.

Prepared by the Second Training and Research Unit, Texas State Guard.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON MILITARY HYGIENE—LESSON No. 8

- Complete the following sentences by supplying the correct word or words in the blanks:
1. Personal hygiene is the basis of _____ hygiene.
 2. Most acute diseases and many chronic ones are caused by _____.
 3. The hands should be washed before eating and after going to the _____.
 4. The body should frequently be scrubbed with a wet _____, paying particular attention to the _____, _____, and _____.

- ANSWERS
1. Military.
 2. Germs.
 3. Toilet.
 4. Rag; Armpits, Crotch, and Feet.

5. The teeth should be brushed at least _____ a _____.
6. Only _____ socks should be worn for marching.
7. Water may be purified by _____ or by _____.
8. A medical officer should conduct a thorough inspection of _____ all men at least once a _____.
9. Every man needs from _____ to _____ hours of sleep each night.
10. The _____ is the chief quartering officer of the advance quartering party to a camp site.

Military Science and Tactics, Col. P. S. Bond, U. S. A. Essentials of Infantry Training. Military Service Publishing Co. Training Film 8-155. Personal Hygiene. Running time: 33 minutes.

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HOME STUDY COURSE FOR TEXAS STATE GUARDSMEN LESSON No. 8—MILITARY HYGIENE AND SANITATION

PART 1—MILITARY HYGIENE A. Military Hygiene.

1. Definition—Personal hygiene refers to those measures or precautions which every person should take with the primary object of maintaining his own health and physical well-being. PERSONAL HYGIENE IS THE BASIS FOR MILITARY HYGIENE.

2. Responsibility for Personal Hygiene—Before being allowed to enlist in the Texas State Guard, the soldier is given a thorough physical examination to determine the absence of disease. It then becomes his duty to keep himself in the best possible physical condition. If at any time a soldier feels sick, particularly while on duty, he should report at once to his first sergeant or any officer in charge of his Unit, who will send him to a medical officer for inspection or for an examination.

3. Causes of Disease—Most acute diseases and many chronic ones are caused by "germs." The usual ways in which disease-producing germs gain entrance to the body are as follows:

- (1) By eating food or by drinking water or other liquids which contain germs.
- (2) By breathing in certain germs which float in the air.
- (3) Through the skin, the germs having been injected into the body by the bites of mosquitoes, lice, ticks, or fleas, or introduced through cuts, scratches, or abrasions.
- (4) By contact with diseased persons.

4. Measures to Improve General Health—Every individual has some degree of natural resistance to infection. This resistance is improved by the following measures:

- (1) Protection from cold and chilling by suitable clothing and bed clothing.
- (2) Adequate and proper food.
- (3) Recreation of suitable nature.
- (4) Avoidance of undue fatigue.
- (5) Seven to eight hours of sleep each night.

5. The Care of the Body.

- a. General:
 - (1) An unclean body may favor the

entry of disease germs. Therefore the entire body should be bathed at least twice a week. The hands should always be washed before eating and after going to the toilet. When facilities are not available for a complete bath, the body should frequently be scrubbed with a wet cloth, paying particular attention to the armpits, crotch, and feet. Underwear and shirts should be changed and washed at least twice a week.

b. The Mouth:

(1) It is very important to brush the teeth at least twice a day, one of these brushings to occur before going to bed. In cleaning the teeth, brush the inside and outside surfaces away from the gums and toward the cutting surfaces.

c. Feet:

(1) The most important factor in the marching ability of the soldier is the care of the feet. Serious defects of the feet can be prevented by properly fitted shoes and socks and by proper care of the feet.

(a) Shoes—Each shoe should be fitted to the foot of the wearer so that no undue constriction or pressure will occur at any point when the foot is expanded by weight of the body and pack. It is equally important that shoes not be so large as to permit friction. Because of the structural irregularities of the foot, shoes can be properly fitted only by actual test. This test can be done either by shoe-fitting machine or by hand. The SHOE-FITTING MACHINE is a device for measuring the size of the foot when bearing weight and for proving that the size selected is the proper one. These machines, together with instructions for their operation, are issued, in the army, as needed. Fitting without the shoe-fitting machine is the common method, and should be done in the following manner: The shoe is laced snugly and the wearer places his entire weight on the foot wearing the shoe. The leather of the shoe in front of the instep above the ball of the foot should then be grasped

Study Of Wounds May Help Protect American Soldiers

Studies to provide better protection for American fighting men are planned by the Medical Corps of the Army.

Extensive research into the character of wounds to determine the body areas most likely to be hit under various conditions will get under way soon.

These studies will be made on the dead as well as the living casualties. Medical officers have been urged to furnish all data possible on location of wounds, the types of missiles involved and the terrain and weather conditions under which casualties were suffered.

The motives for the study include possible body armor for most vulnerable spots, better treatment of wounds and the relative efficiency of various weapons.

She: "Tell me—who are you bringing to the dance Friday night?"

Cpl.: "Well, I like Helen's form, Alice's lips, Betty's eyes, Jane's hair, Peg's Arms, and Virginia's dancing and Kay's—and Kay's—oh, I guess I'll bring Kay."

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New Combat Boot



A new ten-inch leather combat boot, which is expected eventually to replace the shoe-and-legging combination worn by Army Ground Forces and the paratrooper boot worn by parachute troops, has been developed by the Quartermaster Corps.

The new foot gear has withstood months of testing on maneuvers in the United States and in combat in North Africa and the Southwest Pacific. Equipped with a wide, two-buckle cuff, the leather in the lower part of the boot has the flesh

side turned outward, leaving the smooth grain side next to the wearer's foot, thus affording greater comfort.

Leather in the cuff, which is backed with sturdy canvas, is of lighter weight in the interests of conservation. The lower part of the boot is laced in the conventional manner. The cuff buckles above the ankles, permitting trousers to be tucked in quickly and easily. The sole and heel of the boot are made of synthetic rubber.

The boot was developed primarily to eliminate the use of leggings, the bane of many an infantryman's existence. Tests proved the new combat boot to be cooler in warm climates than the shoe-and-legging combination, and less easily snagged by underbrush.—Army Times.

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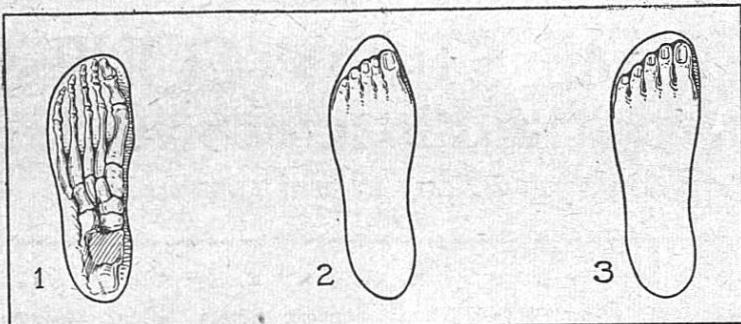


Plate 1—Shoe fitting; care of feet.

between the fingers and the thumb. As the finger and thumb are brought together, the leather should be loose enough to prevent the fingers slipping easily over the surface but not sufficiently lax to produce a wrinkle. If it wrinkles under the grasp, the shoe is too wide, and if there is no looseness apparent, it is too narrow. The width of the thumb may be considered as representing the desired width between the toe and the end of the shoe. All shoes should be well broken in and adjusted to the feet before being used for marching. (See Plate 1—Shoe Fitting.)

(b) Socks—Only woolen socks (light or heavy) should be worn for marching. Cotton socks should never be worn unless ordered by a medical officer. Socks should be large enough to permit free movement of the toes but not so loose as to permit wrinkling. Woolen socks should be one-half larger than cotton socks in order to allow for shrinking. Darned socks or socks with holes in them should never be worn on the march since they will cause abrasions and blisters. Wearing two pairs of socks will aid in preventing friction between shoes and the feet. Turning the sock inside out will make it less irritating to the foot since this turns the small machine knots to the outside.

2. Care of the Feet—Clean feet are as important to the avoidance of foot defects as are properly fitted shoes and the socks changed each day. This and the socks changed each day. This is especially important on the march.

If blisters have appeared on the feet they should be painted with iodine and emptied by pricking them at the lower edge with a pin which has been passed through a flame. The skin should not be removed. The blister should then be covered with zinc oxide adhesive plaster. (See Plate 2. Care of Blisters of the Feet.)

The toenails should be kept short and clean. They should be cut straight across, and not on a curve. If this precaution is observed, most of the

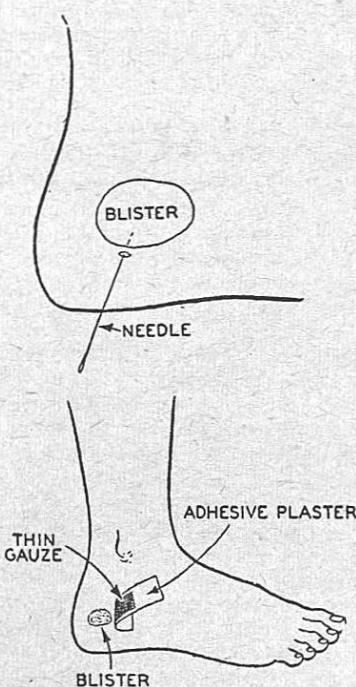


Plate 2—Care of blisters on feet.

trouble from ingrowing nails will be avoided. (See Plate 3.) Ringworm of the feet or "Athlete's Foot" is a common and frequently incapacitating foot infection. Diligent attention should be directed toward its prevention, and toward proper, prompt and thorough treatment of all cases developing. The feet of the men should be inspected periodically by a company officer.

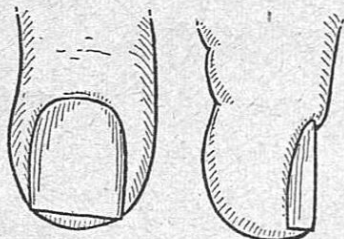


Plate 3—Care of feet. Toenails properly trimmed.

6. Rules for Avoiding Disease:

(1) Do not drink water which has

not been declared safe by a medical officer unless it has been purified by boiling or chlorination. Do not take water from a water sterilizing bag by dipping a cup into the bag or by putting your mouth to the faucet.

(2) Do not soil the ground with stools or urine. Always use the latrine or the night urinal can provided in the company street.

(3) Be sure that the mess kit, knife, fork, and spoon are thoroughly washed in soapy water and rinsed in boiling water after they are used.

(4) Use a mosquito bar where or when mosquitoes are prevalent.

(5) Do not sit or lie directly on the damp ground. Avoid drafts when perspiring or while the clothing is damp.

(6) Ditch the tents as soon as put up, even if the camp is only for one night.

(7) Prepare the beds before dark. In temporary camps or bivouacs, raise the beds if suitable material, such as straw, leaves, or boughs can be obtained. The raincoat should be used as a ground sheet.

(8) Never use a cup which is used by others. Do not exchange pipes, cigars, musical instruments played with the mouth, gas masks, handkerchiefs, towels, or shaving outfits.

(9) In camp where water is plentiful, drink plenty of water at intervals during the day but do not drink a large amount at one time either in camp or on the march, especially when heated after exertion. On the march do not drink water every time you feel thirsty. The rule should be to drink as little as possible at a time and endeavor to arrive at the end of the march with some water still left in the canteen.

(10) Acquire the habit of having the bowels move regularly once each day and at as nearly the same time as possible.

(11) Wear clothing of the proper weight for the climate. Clothing should fit loosely. Wet clothing, particularly shoes and socks, should be changed as soon as opportunity permits.

(12) Keep the hair cut short and the finger nails clean.

(13) Never throw pieces of food or refuse around the camp or in the trench. Such debris attracts flies, and flies carry disease germs.

(14) If possible, avoid all contact with diseased persons.

(15) A monthly physical inspection should be conducted by a medical officer; it is required that an officer from each organization be present during this inspection. This examination is not, as is often erroneously believed, for the sole purpose of detect-

ing venereal disease. It should include: an examination of the feet and footwear, the mouth and teeth, and the state of personal cleanliness; investigation for evidence of communicable diseases, including venereal disease and vermin infestation; and inspection for evidence of chronic disease.

(16) Proper ventilation.

(17) Purification of water and proper sanitation of messes.

(18) Proper disposal of all waste material.

(19) Control of disease-bearing insects.

(20) Vaccination against smallpox, typhoid fever, and such other diseases as may be directed by competent authority.

(21) Sleep should always be in under the most favorable conditions in a quiet place, with plenty of fresh cool air, without drafts; in a comfortable bed with sufficient covering. Night clothes should be worn whenever possible.

7. March Hygiene.

A. In spite of the great extent which motor transportation is employed by companies and battalions marching remains an essential part of service in the field. Proper attention to hygiene contributes greatly to the ability of troops to march and tolerate physical exertion incident to field service.

B. Conditioning of Troops—Men should be conditioned by progressive and systematic training beginning starting on a long march, or taking the field for maneuvers.

C. Inspection Prior to the March—Inspection of personnel has been treated above. In addition to the inspection of the personnel, the commanders should inspect material of their commands. For inspection of motors and material see FM 25-6, 25-10, and manuals of arms and services.

D. Conduct of the March:

(1) During hot seasons marching should be conducted in early morning or late afternoon. The meal served before beginning a march should be heavy but should include energizing producing foods such as sugars and fats.

(2) Halts should be made at regular intervals to rest the men, to service motors, to adjust equipment, for other purposes.

(a) A halt of 15 minutes is usually made at the end of the first 45 minutes of march for the purpose of permitting the troops to relieve themselves, etc.

(b) After the first halt, column

Chances Of Wounded Double Over Last War

Washington.—While more men are killed outright in the present war than in World War I because of the greater destructive power of modern weapons, the wounded man of his war has about twice as much chance of coming through battle alive as the casualty of the last war.

This was reported by the Office of War Information in a comprehensive survey of the care of war wounded.

The army has estimated that between 80 and 90 per cent of the wounded get first air treatment within an hour of being wounded. In the last war we brought the wounded to the hospitals," a member of the surgeon general's staff stated in the report. "In this war we are bringing the hospitals to the wounded.

Figures indicate the ratio of killed in action to battle casualties twice as high as in the last war. At the mortality rate among the wounded is only half of that war.

Shock and infection, which were the great killers of the wounded in the AEF, are now being beaten by blood plasma transfusions and the use of sulfa drugs.

Guard Officer Pens Lines To Marine Son



CAPT. JAMES A. CUSHMAN



JAMES A. CUSHMAN, JR.

Captain James A. Cushman, commander of Company C, 48th Marine Battalion, is an old-time warhorse, having served in World War I.

Until recently his son, James A. Cushman, Jr., was a sergeant in his dad's State Guard company. Now the younger Cushman is in the Marine Corps. He is in Platoon 983, RDMCB, San Diego, California.

Between his labors for a Houston shipyard, the elder Cushman penned these lines to his son, and in the hope that he expressed the sentiment of other fathers with sons in the service, sent it along to the Guardsman:

MY SON *** MARINE

When my daily memory lingers,
O'er those tiny baby fingers,
As your long-lashed eyes of grey
first saw the light;
Then, my heart and hopes were
singers,
As I watched those little clingers,
Reach and grasp for everything
that came in sight.

From your babyhood in diapers,
'Til the day you're shooting snipers,
You've been the finest Son a parent
ever had;
You will turn those boasting vipers
Into abject, cringing grippers,
And I'm proud, my Boy, to have you
call me Dad.

You've been an honor to your
Mother,
And you will be to the other,
By that I mean that uniform of
green;
You've been a worthy Brother,
You'll be faithful to Another,
So I know, my Boy, you'll be a good
Marine.

We have watched your daily living,
Never asking, always giving,
And I've raised my eyes to God and
said, "Tis well,"
But when you meet those Tojos,
Hirohitos and Yamamotos,
I pray to God, my Boy, you'll give
'em Hell.

We will miss you every hour,
Of each day so dark and dour,
And we'll pray for you, dear Boy
in Forest Green;
Always kind to Dad and Mother,
A model Son and Brother,
And I know you'll make the Corps
a good Marine.
—James A. Cushman, Captain.
48th Bn. (Marine) T.S.G.

Sing, Brother, Sing!

"About the only thing I have never seen Texas Guardsmen do is sing," writes Pvt. Joe A. Nonymous, Co. A, 19th Battalion, at Dallas. "I know our hours together are short and are packed with things that must be done, but even so, a little time spent in song might help build a spirit of solidarity and might also give enjoyment to those participating. At company dinners it would seem most appropriate."

And to back up his suggestion, he submits these two tunes:

MEN OF THE GUARD

(Tune: "Stout-Hearted Men")
"We are the men who will stand
ready when
There's a call for us all to pre-
pare,
Wreckage and riot! If any should
try it,
We warn them they'd better be-
ware.
Oh! People of Texas, the army
protects us
And keeps foreign foes over
there.
Here!—There's nothing here at
home
Can stab us in the back,
When bold Texas men
Are standing guard and keeping
track."

SONS OF MIGHTY TEXAS

(Tune: "Song of the Vagabonds")
"Sons of mighty Texas,
Your State Guard protects us
And keeps down the local foe.
Saboteur and traitor,
Rat and instigator—
Guardsmen lay the varmints low.
Join us! Join us! Join the local
guard!
There's no sal'ry, and the work is
hard!
Show your spirit, brother!
We can use another
Man like those of Alamo!"

Well, you can't deny that the
tunes are good, anyway!
Now, all together, one, two,
three . . .

Two inmates of an asylum had
been given a hammer and a nail.
One inmate placed the nail head
first against the wall and started
hammering.

After getting no results, he said
to his companion: "The bird who
made this nail was crazy. He put
the point on the wrong end."

The other replied: "You're the
one that's crazy—this nail goes in
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Billion Letters Have Been Sent Overseas

Washington.—More than 1,020,000,000 pieces of mail have been dispatched to American soldiers overseas since the first contingents of American troops left the United States, the War Department announces.

At present, about 25 million pieces are being dispatched overseas every week, including an increasingly large number of V-mail letters which now represent approximately 25 per cent of the overseas mail volume.

During the recent holiday season, some 20 million Christmas packages were dispatched and delivered to American soldiers throughout the world, and millions of Christmas cards and greetings were sent to and received from American troops stationed outside the United States.

The current record volume of overseas Army mail is five times greater than that attained during the peak of the World War and is far in excess of peacetime foreign mails.—Army Times.

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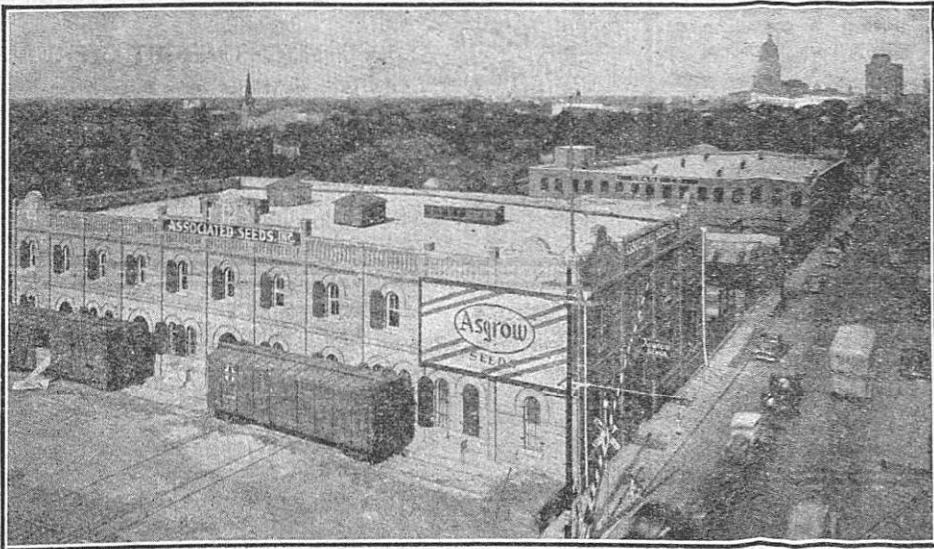
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SALUTE FROM BRITAIN



Colonel Pollock addressing men of the 2nd, 7th, 22nd and 48th Battalions after the review.

Pollock-

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had to drop out for other reasons.

"However, we now have under arms around 1,500,000 Home Guards, and they are a well trained and powerfully equipped force."

The colonel recalled how the British Home Guard was formed after Anthony Eden called for volunteers to help defend the Tight Little Isle.

"Evidently Hitler heard about our Home Guard, for he issued orders that if any of them were captured when he invaded England that they would be shot.

"Never Got To England"

"Well, none of us were shot for the simple reason that he never got to England."

Colonel Pollock warned the Guard that there was no reason for letting down in training just because the war is taking a trend more favorable to the Allied Nations.

"The war will not be over until the last shot is fired," he declared. "Until then we must all keep prepared.

"I wish you all the very best of luck."

Gunner: "When we were forced down in the south seas for seven weeks I only had one companion—a beautiful blonde."

Engineer: "What did you do for food?"

Gunner: "Dammed if I know."

45th Division Paper Was First In Sicily

The first Army paper to publish in Sicily after the Allied landings there last October was the 45th Division News, according to Sgt. Don Robinson, editor. It automatically became the first publication to operate in formerly Axis occupied territory.

The staff landed with the first assault troops and split up into two groups. One group consisted of Sgt. Bill Mauldin, well known Army artist, and Sgt. Robinson.

Lost from the other group, Mauldin and Robinson set out to publish a paper alone at the first town they reached large enough to have printing equipment. The owner of the hand driven and hand set affair was persuaded to print the paper with gifts of American cigarettes.

Training-

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it fit closely to the particular conditions which the guard faces.

After the summer camp, General Knickerbocker plans field mobilization tests similar to the MTC's held last year.

Officer training this year will comprise four series of conference courses taking up the basic training subjects covering the individual soldier, the squad and the platoon.

It is hoped to conduct short-term courses at Peacock Military Academy and St. Edwards University for staff and company officers who can voluntarily attend.

It is also expected that the War Department will open some of the special service schools to the officers of the State Guard. Due to shortage of State funds, there is a likelihood that officers will be offered the opportunity to attend these schools on a purely voluntary basis at their own expense.

Texan First Ashore On Admiralty Island

The first man ashore in the invasion of the Admiralty Islands was a Texan.

First Lieutenant Frank Henshaw of Alice led the attack on the island.

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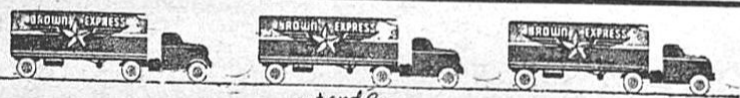
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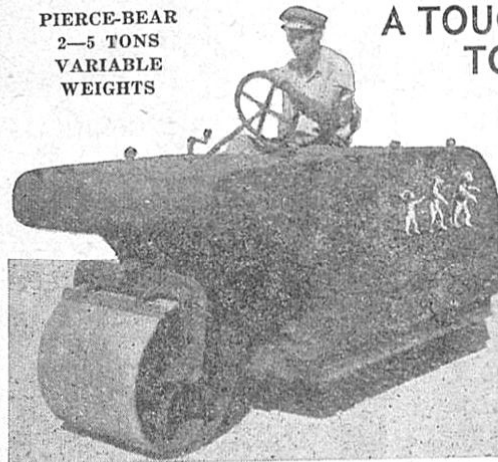
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Lessons From Tunisia Drive

(The following digest, Lessons from the Tunisian Campaign, contained in Training Memorandum No. 44, dated 4 August, 1943, from the Allied Force Headquarters, is published by order of the Secretary of War, G. C. Marshall, chief of staff. It is published in The Guardsman at the suggestion of Lt. Col. Geo. D. Thomas, plans and training officer of the Texas State Guard. The Guardsman is indebted to The Army Times for the material.)

The material contained in this publication is not to be considered as tactical doctrine. It represents a summary of the main lessons of the Tunisian Campaign digested from reports of division, separate, and subordinate unit commanders. Only the major combat arms of the Ground Forces are included.

It is believed that the lessons and examples given, if applied with judgment and consideration of individual situations, will be of value in the training of organizations which have not yet entered combat.

In all reports of battle experience the soundness of basic principles prescribed in standard training literature has been confirmed. Failures or tactical reverses have resulted from misapplication of these principles, or from lack of judgment and flexibility in their application, or from attempts to follow book rules rigidly without due consideration of their suitability to existing situations.

During the Tunisian Campaign this Headquarters published periodically training memoranda on various subjects, as lessons were gained or weaknesses were disclosed. In the following material some subjects previously covered in these memoranda will appear.

Extensive and Varied
The experience of our infantry has been extensive and varied. Its missions have included practically all ground operations appropriate to its arm.

Its operations have been conducted in all types of terrain, including desert, mountains, and the intermediate features between these extremes as well as terrain types regionally peculiar to Tunisia.

From this varied experience, the outstanding lessons and subjects given below are believed by reporting commanders to be of first importance in infantry training.

Scouting and Patrolling
Scouting and patrolling proved to be one of the most serious deficiencies in the operations of American infantry in Tunisia. Patrol activity was not sufficiently aggressive, and at times failure in effective scouting operations resulted in patrols being ambushed. The campaign continually revealed the necessity of seizing and holding the initiative through continuous, aggressive, and effective scouting and patrol operations. Our experience has demonstrated the need for much higher proficiency in the subjects and functions requisite to these operations, including map reading, the use of compass and other means of direction control, movement by stealth, avoidance of ambush, and control of patrolling personnel.

Must Master These
Leaders of patrols must master the principles of the single objective, individual initiative and responsibility, alert observation, patience, clarity in the issuance and understanding of plans and instructions, boldness of action, accuracy in reporting and energy and initiative in execution.

Prior daylight reconnaissance should precede night patrol operations.

silently, to crawl noiselessly. Train them in the accurate use of the compass night and day, and in map reading. Also in observation—half the information we get is obtained from observation and patrolling.

... One important battle lesson has been the failure of junior officers to be ice-clear and specific in instructions and directions, especially with regard to patrolling, scouting, and night operations. For night patrol operations a prior daylight reconnaissance must be made. Without adequate prior daylight reconnaissance, night patrols often get lost. In one instance failure to reconnoitre a position and an area for a night operation resulted in a patrol being ambushed by outposts unknown to the patrol leader and his men. ...

In all night operations have but a single objective. Never split a night patrol—always keep it intact. Let every man on scout and patrol know the situation clearly. Give each man a definite job and the responsibility for carrying it out. ...

An all-important point: Train men to report only what they see, and not to include any personal interpretations. ... One outstanding example lesson

was the twisting of information reported. An observation post reported that three ITALIANS had been seen coming down a certain hill. The information was relayed as three BATTALIONS coming down the hill. ...

The importance of accurate map reading and interpretation are clearly demonstrated in the report of a division commander at the conclusion of the campaign:

... At FONDOUK and HILL 609 this division had great difficulty in map reading. Officers had difficulty in accurately locating themselves on maps and in following on the ground a route marked on a map. There are instances of whole battalions becoming lost at night on the way to the jump-off line. These incidents all bring out the fact that map reading has been neglected and must, in the future, be continually stressed in training. ...

Night Operations.

In the recent campaign, a large proportion of the infantry operations were carried out at night. The standard of proficiency of our troops was initially unsatisfactory, but improved as experience was gained. Two vital needs were served by the improvement of our night operations:

- The essential element of surprise when needed.
- The only means, at times, of getting troops into position without severe losses. The essence of successful night operations has

been found to be simplicity of plan. The subdivision of duties must be clearly understood by all participants, and the individual responsibilities assumed and carried out with vigor and dispatch. Such planning must provide for continuous, effective control by the leader or commander, and for alternate action in the event that unforeseen developments arise.

Miscellaneous

In addition to major subjects above summarized, the reports of division and lower unit commanders brought out the following miscellaneous points:

- Small unit training, especially with regard to platoon and junior leaders, is of prime importance. The leadership, tactics, and maneuver of the squad, platoon, and company are vital to the success of combat operations.
- The use of highly trained snipers assumed increasing importance throughout the campaign. The development and effective use of snipers should be given special attention.
- The maintenance of uninterrupted control of all combat elements in action is essential. All leaders and commanders must learn to meet this requirement and develop the ability to cope with sudden changes in the situation without loss of control.
- Smoke Screens**
The use of smoke in different phases of infantry operations assumed unexpected degrees of importance. The employment of smoke

grenades, artillery cooperation with smoke shell, mortar shell, and other apparatus, all proved highly effective. Smoke was used for both offensive and defensive operations, for marking and identifying positions, targets, and objectives.

e. Effective support from mortars and artillery frequently depends on the work of forward observers. In some infantry regiments officers have learned the technique of adjusting mortar and artillery fire by forward observation methods. This provided a reserve of forward observers who were of great value in emergency.

f. Coordination of all heavy supporting weapons is of first importance in offensive and defensive operations. It must include the coordinated planning of fires for machine guns, cannon company weapons, supporting artillery and mortars.

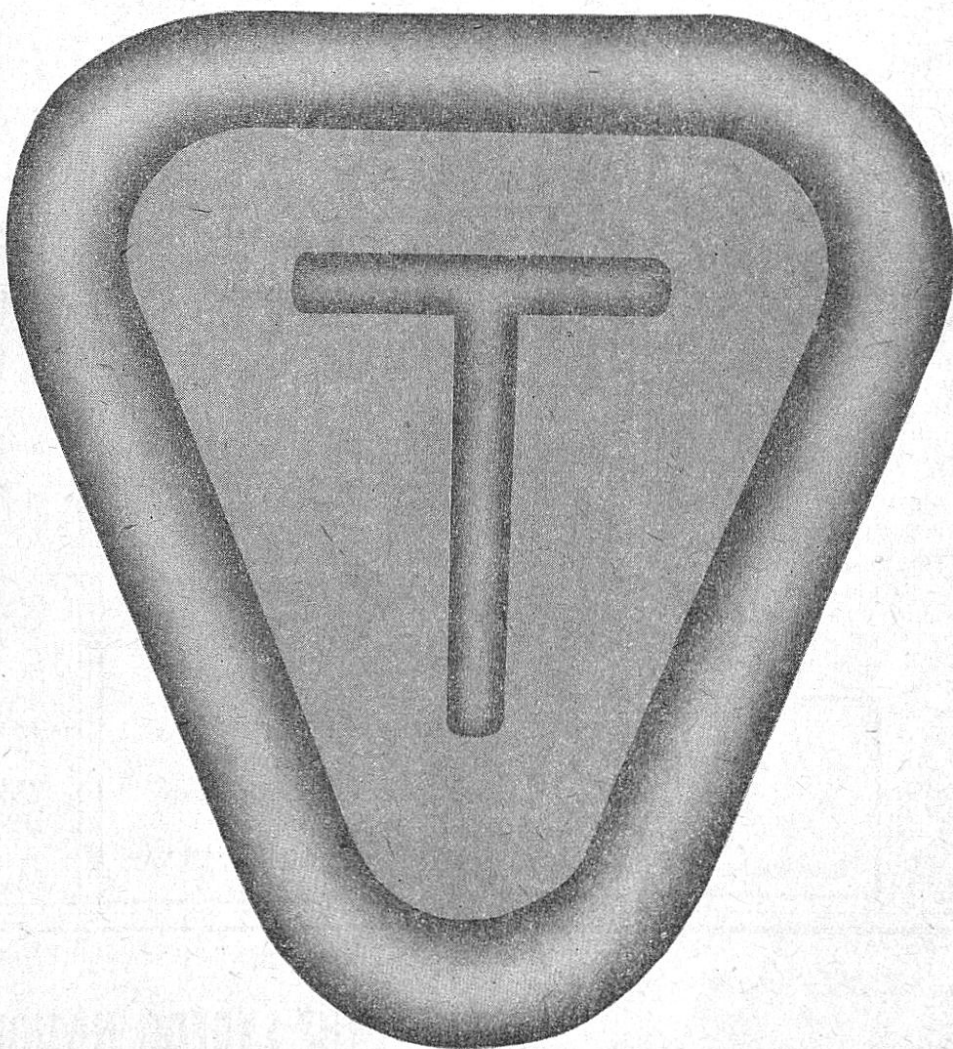
g. Proficiency in small-arms marksmanship, and the ability to hold fire until targets are within range, were not fully achieved in the campaign.

The GI had been going with the gal for a long time. Accordingly he said to her father:

"I wish to marry your daughter, sir."

The father nodded. "Do you drink, young man?"

It was the GIs turn to nod his head. "Thanks, pop," he said, "but let's get those other matter settled first."



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Heroes—

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tommygun in his hand and a pistol in his holster.

The story-teller's words were:

"Well, that was the first wild German out of captivity the colonel had ever seen. Do you know what that doggoned guy did. He sees he's in a tight spot. Here's a Jerry got the draw on him. It ain't no time to be fooling around with new-fangled weapons so he just dropped that fool tommygun and out with his old .45 and shot that German dead."

Texans played a big part in the capture of San Pietro in Italy.

One company, led by CAPTAIN CHARLES BEACHAM, San Antonio, reached the edge of the town in the first drive but had to withdraw in the face of direct fire.

After two company commanders were either killed or wounded, 2nd LT. EBEN C. BERGMAN of Clifton took over their commands, re-organized the troops and led them back into the fight. He took his men deep into the German lines but had to draw back again when he had only seven riflemen left.

Held off in the first assault, the troops prepared for another attack.

"We ran into a veritable nest of machine gun positions," said a colonel from Texas. "They had built emplacements into the hills with interlocking bands of fire and the positions were protected by barbed wire and fields of anti-personnel mines."

In another phase of the battle for San Pietro, a battle raged in the heights above the city where a unit led by LT. RUFUS CLEGHORN of Waco had occupied positions.

"Rufus the Loudmouth" the doughboys call this 220-pound, barrel-chested former athlete from Baylor University, who has been recommended for battlefield promotion.

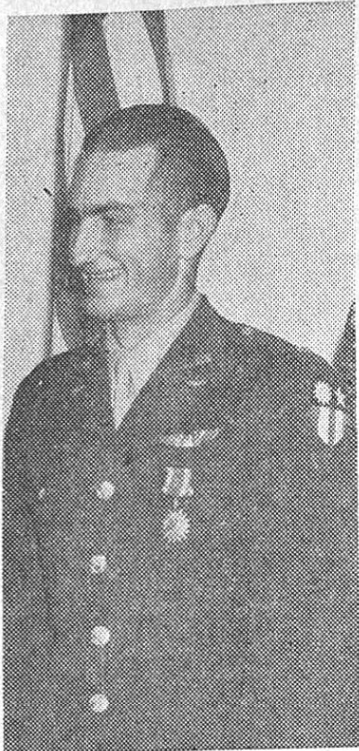
Cleghorn has a foghorn voice and during the heat of battle he climbs on the highest rock, shouting curses at the enemy, screaming insults and throwing rocks and hand grenades. The first day he and his men there beat off seven counter-attacks.

The slopes of the mountain were strewn with German dead, mowed down as they attempted to retake the heights.

A former Texas Ranger, who trailed bandits in the rugged Big Bend country in the early twenties, is now riding herd on a foreign range as a staff officer of the United States Army Fifteenth Air Force in the Mediterranean theater.

He is COLONEL Y. H. TAYLOR of Belton, known intimately to farmers in the vicinity of the seat of Bell County as that "barnstorm-

Texan Decorated



From An Air Base in India.—At a recent ceremony here, Major General George E. Stratemeyer, Commander of the Eastern Air Command, decorated Major Harry M. Albaugh (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Albaugh of 758 East Woodlawn, San Antonio, Texas, with the Air Medal. Major Albaugh attended Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, and later Rice Institute at Houston for two years prior to his enlistment in the Army Air Forces. He has served the Army Air Forces for nearly three years and has been on duty as a pilot with a Weather Detachment of the Army Air Forces, India Burma sector, for the past five months.

ing kid" who has been flying crates around Texas for the past quarter of a century.

In the thick of the greatest "bandit hunt" of his career, Taylor is performing his important staff duties with the same cool and efficient manner that made him a rough-and-ready Texas Ranger.

Taylor emerged from World War I a commissioned pilot, but with no place in the rapidly demobilizing Army to try out his newly acquired wings.

Thoroughly bitten by the flying bug, the Bell County youngster became an aerial barnstormer, join-

ing the ranks of pioneer pilots who would not let aviation die.

In 1928 he re-entered the Army and served as instructor, operations officer and director of flying at various airfields in the South and Southwest.

Last spring he left the United States for North Africa, where he had a part in the planning of the decisive air offensives against Pantelleria, Sicily, Italy and the Balkans.

SGT. ARTHUR WADLE of Mexia found his company pinned down by cross fire from two machine guns in Italy. He hurled a grenade at one emplacement and the gun went silent.

Crawling and running to an exposed point he lobbed another grenade and the second gun was knocked out.

Then he saw a third machine gun. Just as he got ready to knock that one out the enemy fled and his company's advance which had been held up by the three nests, continued. He got the Silver Star.

They called the 36th Division unit of SGT. FLOYD DOHERTY, Ballinger, the "Lost Battalion," but they weren't really lost.

"We knew where we were," Doherty said, "and so did the Germans. For three days we fought on a chocolate bar and a canteen of water each."

The division tried to get food through but Doherty's men were so close to the German lines that even planes couldn't find them.

On the fourth day reinforcements came up, a mass attack was launched and Doherty and his fellow Texans were rescued.

PFC. ELIAS G. OZUNA of Junction was helping prepare a machine gun position in the Southwest Pacific when the Japs attacked.

The machine gun post was the

only thing that stood between the enemy and a vital supply dump.

Ozuna grabbed a rifle and from a post on the flank of the machine gun, poured lead at the Nips. He helped kill 19 little yellow men and won the Silver Star.

Out of Tarawa comes the tragic and heroic story of "an appointment that could never be kept."

It's the story of MARINE FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM D. HAWKINS, of El Paso, Texas, for whom the airfield was named and of whom Time Correspondent Robert Sherrod said: "He was the bravest man I ever saw . . ." as told by Second Lt. Lawrence Frank Vlack of Brookfield, Ill., who had promised to pay him back four sticks of dynamite.

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How To Erect Your Double Shelter Tent

(In the January issue the article "Shelter Tents" carried an illustration on "Double Shelter Tents." The Second Training and Research Unit has sent the following instructions on erection of such tents.)

Double shelter tents may be pitched to conserve space, and being occupied by four men, they are warmer, since the ends may be closed by buttoning up the triangles.

To pitch double shelter tents, the Platoon or Unit having been formed for shelter tents, the command pitch tents is given, all men unslung equipment, placing packs on ground in front of their positions. They open packs and remove shelter halves, poles, and pins. The place on the line the tent is to stand is marked with a tent pin. The four men in each group pitching tents together spread their shelter halves on the ground the tent is to occupy as follows: the lower odd-numbered man at the right front, the lower even-numbered man at the left front with triangles of shelter halves to the front, the higher odd-numbered man at the right rear and the higher even-numbered man to the left rear with the triangles of their shelter halves to the rear.

They then button the four shelter halves of each tent, the ridge first, then the square ends so that the center eyelets of the shelter halves will be in this order: lower half of front tent on bottom, lower half of rear tent next, upper half of front tent next, and the upper half of rear tent on top. Insert two tent ropes in the front loops of the two front shelter halves and two ropes in rear loops of the rear shelter halves.

The smaller odd number takes his tent pole and inserts the pin in the top of pole in the four eyelets in the center of all shelter halves and holds the pole vertical, lower even and higher odd numbered men drive the two center side pins stretching tent taut. Each man then drives his own front or rear center pin, stretching the tent taut and on a line perpendicular to line of the front of the tents. Measure one pole length to the direct front of the front corner pins and drive in front anchor pins, follow the same procedure for rear anchor pins.

Insert front and rear poles through eyelets on ridge of tent base of pole toward the center, pull base of pole to front or rear until vertical, then each man place the loop of his tent rope over his anchor pin, tighten ropes and tie with a slip knot. Insert the remainder of the side tent pins and fold triangles back on the tent. Equipment may be displayed in front of tent and in rear of the tent, or it may be displayed on a line with the front of the tents—odd numbers to

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BY LT. (j.g.) EDWARD T. VOLZ, USN.

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'Crewless Plane' Data Is Released

More information has come through of the much-touted Nazi "crewless plant," which was projected as a means of bombing England into a condition as bad or worse than Berlin. The weapon is a radio-controlled aircraft, loaded to capacity with explosives, and with the fuel regulated to get it to its target. Flying at high speed, it would be exceedingly difficult to stop. As in other cases, Allied engineers found a fairly simple way to deal with it. The "secret weapon" requires complex launching mechanism. It was learned that many of these had been erected

the right and even numbers to the left as the organization commander may direct.

along the west coast of Europe. In some way their locations were learned. Some well-placed bombs on the target, or in the near vicinity, played havoc with the launching apparatus. Thus the crewless planes remain unused.

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"This watchfulness has saved the government a net sum of \$1,015,019 during 1943, after deducting all costs," General Gilbert stated, "through the prevention of payments on accounts involving fraud

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Notes From 6th Battalion

By PVT. WELDON PHARR
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It's something to crow about when you have one hundred per cent attendance, even if it does take a chili supper to do it. On the regular meeting night, Monday, January 17, meeting an hour earlier than usual, the members enjoyed a venison-chili supper with all the trimmings. This was in celebration of the awarding of one-year service ribbons to forty-four men and officers. In addition to the members, several invited guests were present, including an ex-member, Chief Petty Officer Bud Bailey of the Seabees, who had just returned from several months spent in Newfoundland. Chief Bailey gave a very interesting talk concerning some of the activities of he and his mates.

On January 24, Major Edgar L. Bull, Corps Military Police, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, made a Federal inspection of the company records, armory and, that evening, of the company itself. An excellent number of men were present and apparently stood the inspection well, for his report, later turned in, reported the company "Satisfactory" in every detail. Especially did he commend the company on their attendance, saying that he had been hearing of the fine attendance of Company A, and was happy to be able to inspect the company and find that the reports were not exaggerated.

Figures Cited

Some interesting figures concerning the local company during the year just ended show that at present the company is at full strength, with a few men on the "waiting list," this in spite of the calls of the selective service and men leaving for war work. Attendance is excellent, when the 1943 year's average is shown to be 51, men and officers present for each meeting during the entire year.

During the year of 1943 there was a total attendance of 2,623 men and officers. There were 116 men on the rolls during the year, 18 of them going to the Armed Forces, 17 being discharged because of conflicting civilian duties, the other seven moving away.

Twelve enlisted men were present at every meeting of 1943 and all officers were present for each meeting except when ill or at Camp Bullis the past summer at the State Guard camp.

Inasmuch as control of civil disturbances is one of the principal duties of the guard, Company A devoted the majority of their drill time to the study and practice of riot formations, spending a total of 32 hours—23 hours during the regular drill periods and nine hours on special meetings.

Company Officers

Officers of the company are Capt. Joe Almond, commanding; Lts. L. B. Rice and C. A. Northington. First Sergeant Omar Brown and Sergeant Henry Springer, supply sergeant, are due a lot of praise for their faithful performance of duties, each spending many hours, aside from the regular drill, toward state guard work.

In addition to these men, other members were promoted as of the first day of January so that the Company now conforms to the new table of organization. All squad leaders were promoted to Sergeant with assistant squad leaders to be Corporals; other men were promoted to Technician fourth and fifth grades and all vacancies for Staff Sergeants were also filled. In addition to this, twenty-two men were made privates first-class, completing all requirements of the Table of Organization. Each and every one of the members of the Company are hard workers, being very proud of their attainments; they being the ones who are responsible for the enviable record Company A holds in the State Organization.

Sergeant Smith is a rookie's dream—

He never says: "Get on da beam."

Marine Sergeant Back In 48th



SGT. EDGAR

Storekeeper: "That young corporal didn't buy anything—what did he want?"
Saleslady: "Me. At 7 o'clock."

Marine Sgt. Osmer N. Edgar left the 48th Battalion, Marine, Texas State Guard, on November 25, 1941, to join the United States Marine Corps. Now, with a medical discharge issued to him on July 29, 1943, Sergeant Edgar is back in the 48th and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in Company C. He was a member of Company D when he enlisted in the Marines. Edgar was wounded on Guadalcanal. He wears the purple heart, the presidential citation awarded the First Marine Division, the Asiatic-Pacific medal, the American Theatre medal, and the Guadalcanal unit patch awarded by the New Zealand government. He is a sharpshooter with the rifle and pistol and an expert with the bayonet. He is a great booster for training in the guard to fit a man for the regular services. "The Guard teaches basic training and makes it easier for a man entering the regular services to concentrate on the more specialized training," he says. "The man entering the service from the Guard also already possesses that esprit de corps which makes his military training easier."

"Let's Give 'Em A Big Hand"

"Here is a good example of the spirit of our independence," says The New Braunfels Herald in an editorial praising the Texas State Guard, sent to The Guardsman by Captain Edgar A. Schumann, commanding Co. C, 36th Battalion, at New Braunfels. The editorial follows:

We just can't afford to pass up the opportunity to give praise to our Defense Guard units. Here is a good example of the spirit of our Independence. You'll remember in your old history of the Colonies when the farmers at Concord and at many other places grabbed their guns and supplemented the little army that was struggling against the foe. These men of our Defense Guard, doing a voluntary job, without pay or remuneration of any kind, have been ready, day or night and in sunshine or rain, to defend our liberties with their lives. And if they are ever called on to face death they'll do it with that same cry of freedom that rang from the battlements of the Alamo. Not enough appreciation is given groups and individuals like this. Those who head our various drives for sale of war stamps and bonds, salvage, Red Cross work, blood bank donors, volunteer workers and groups, churches and civic bodies, all are contributing a most vital

Newest Decoration Is "Bronze Star"

The United States' newest decoration for gallantry in action is the Bronze Star, which may be won for meritorious conduct anywhere except in the air.

The decoration is intended to reward those men who slog it through on the ground.

In announcing the award, Under-Secretary of War Patterson said it was open to any member of the army, navy, marine corps or coast guard who distinguishes himself by "heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving aerial combat."

Ribbons for the award—red, with a vertical blue stripe in the center, both the blue stripe and ribbon ends piped in white—are available. Because of the scarcity of metal, the medals will have to await the war's end.

Cpl.: "Where do blind dates come from?"

Sgt.: "They are girls disappointed in love who have cried their eyes out."

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